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These indications of technical progress with the Alexandra Palace station were given yesterday by Sir Noel Ashbridge, Chief Engineer of the B.B.C. More details of the programme plans and of the B.B.C.'s intentions regarding the broadcasting of films were disclosed by Mr. Gerald Cock, the Television Director.

Mr. Cock told me that the daily hours of transmission would be 3 to 4 p.m., 8.15 to 7.15 p.m., and 9.30 to 10.30 p.m. The first two periods had been chosen so that women shoppers and office workers might visit television rooms.

The B.B.C. hopes that 20 or 30 of these television rooms will be established by big stores, radio manufacturers and other business enterprises.

Mr. Cock said that half the programmes would consist of film and the other half of television by direct pick-up from studios or in the open.

"I am convinced that no damage can be done to film interests in the early days of television," he continued. "We do not intend to broadcast feature films save in the form of a series of short extracts from current productions with comment on them. 'Shorts' of various kinds lasting about 10 minutes will be the other type of film broadcast."

The peak power of the Alexandra Palace station would be 16 or 17 kilowatts.

DRAMATIC END TO THE A.O.F.C. CASE

Bitter Condemnation By Dr. Sellett

With the evidence concluded, summing-up by counsel occupied the attention of the U.S. Court for China throughout yesterday's sitting, when Frank J. Raven, president and director, and John Warner Brown, vice-president and director, respectively, of the American Oriental Finance Corporation, appeared on remand before Judge Milton J. Helms to answer sixteen charges of embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, false pretences, and larceny by trickery in connection with their official positions and dealings with the American Oriental Finance Corporation (one of the affiliated companies of the American Oriental Banking Corporation, now in liquidation).

Mr. Feltham Watson, U.S. District Attorney, with Dr. George Sellett, special assistant, is prosecuting on behalf of the U.S. Government, while Mr. Raven is represented by Mr. R. T. Evans (of Tientsin), and Mr. Brown by Mr. C. S. Franklin and Mr. W. C. Watson.

DR. SELLETT SUMS UP

Dr. Sellett, after reviewing the various charges against the accused, stated: "The evidence in this case shows that the first defendant was president of the A.O.F.C. Corporation during all times that are material to this section—in fact, it shows that he was president and a director from its very inception in 1926. The evidence also shows that the second defendant was a director and manager of this Corporation from as early as September 1930, and he continued to act in such dual capacity to the time the Finance Corporation closed its doors on May 23, 1935. The evidence also shows that during all times material in these charges both defendants had full powers of attorney issued to them by the Finance Corporation, and were authorized and empowered to act and deal with all matters concerning the Corporation. The evidence also shows that except for certain periods when they were absent in the United States on vacation, they were here in Shanghai attending to the business of that Corporation, the second defendant being the manager, and the first defendant the president.

COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE

"Now, as to this first defendant, Raven. Except for the evidence that has been produced by the Government in this case, and the evidence of Brown while on the witness stand, there is no evidence in the record whatsoever of anything other than that the first defendant had full and complete knowledge of what was going on. In this connection, let me point out that, first of all, this defendant was president of the Corporation. The bye-laws of the Corporation are in evidence, and they set out the duties of the president of the Finance Corporation.

"There is not in the whole of the record of this case one scintilla of evidence to the effect that the first defendant was not cognizant of what was going on in the A.O.F.C. Corporation, as the bye-laws would indicate it was his duty to be cognizant of—not one bit of evidence anywhere in the whole of this record—nothing but innuendo on the form of questions put by counsel for the defendant on cross-examination of witnesses."

Dr. Sellett went on to refer to the New York stock brokerage business out of which the cases had arisen and described how it originated. "In 1929," he said, "Raven was in America, and personally made arrangements with E. A. Pierce & Co. for starting this business, and we find that, upon his return to Shanghai in December, 1929, this business was inaugurated, March 7, 1930, being the date of the first transaction. Brown then goes to the U.S.A. and attends at the offices of Pierce & Co. in San Francisco, for a period of two weeks, learning their procedure. While he is there, he writes a letter to Raven who is in Shanghai, dated May 13, 1930, in which the second defendant notifies the first defendant: 'I look up with both Mr. Wood and Mr. Curtis the matter of holding the securities in our margin account, which had been entirely paid for. This is a matter of importance, and where stock has been fully paid for, it is taken out of the margin account and set aside as safe-keep-

ing. We will arrange to do this, as the liability in this respect is considerable, in case we should have some shares in our margin account, and were borrowing against them.' That letter is initialed by Raven, from which fact it is inescapable that he must draw the inference that the first defendant knew, when he received this letter of May 13, that this matter of fully paid shares was something that was important in connection with the running of this sort of business, and that the legal liability for dealing with them, in a manner other than by placing them in safe-keeping, was considerable.

MR. COQUELET'S REPORT

"Next we come to November 18, 1932, when Coquelet makes a report to Mr. Brown, which Coquelet says Brown requested, in order that he might be able to show it to Mr. Raven. It will be recalled that Mr. Brown himself states it was shown to Mr. Raven. In that report it is shown that the Finance Corporation had some 50 clients whose shares were fully paid, amounting in value to \$558,770, and, in addition to that—and it is of great significance—the report set out that there were certain accounts of the Finance Corporation, chiefly R. T. Co. trustee accounts, in which there was a total of \$364,346 which would be suffered as a loss by the Finance Corporation if these accounts had to be closed down, including the account 101A5 (Raven's) amounting to \$44,675, and 101-1-1 in which there was a loss of \$34,256, both of those accounts belonging to the defendant Raven."

"There is one matter that is worth being remarked upon in connection with Raven, and that is this. Throughout this whole record we find that, so far as he is concerned, there is a minimum of evidence that his name got upon documents that are incriminating. Your Honour has observed Brown on the witness stand for a period of some four or five days. I don't think that, from your observation, your Honour will come to the conclusion that Brown was a master mind. If Brown was not that, why, then, who was the master mind of this business? Was it that very learned barrister who came from Montana, in Kansas? Was he the master mind? Is that what the record throughout suggests—that he was the guiding genius in the nefarious practices of this Financial Corporation? But he left Shanghai in the summer of 1932, having been here for less than two years, and returned here only in 1934 for a period of a month. I suppose we are going to be told that his influence, although 8,000 miles away, still had its shadow over the affairs of the business of this Corporation—that the President of the Corporation was not running the Corporation, he wasn't guiding its destinies, he wasn't determining the policies of this corporation. That was being done by the young man who came out of law school in 1930, and amongst other things, in the intervals of performing duties as manager of the Raven Trust Company, was giving learned legal advice to all and sundry."

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THE EVIDENCE

Mr. Franklin—
I submit, after reviewing all the evidence, the conclusion is inescapable that, if the American Oriental Banking Corporation had not closed, the Finance Corporation would not have closed, and all of the Raven group would have been carrying on business to-day. I submit that until the bank closed and the Raven group were

forced into liquidation—when their shares then became of no value—that until that value was taken away from these credits, the Finance Corporation was solvent in every sense of the word, and Mr. Curtis has testified that, had Pierce and Co. made use of those two L/Credits when the Finance Corporation closed its accounts with them, there would have been a surplus of \$3260,000—\$3100,000 and more than enough to take care of those fully paid shares.

I submit that, had Mr. Brown, or Mr. Raven, had any guilty knowledge that they had been doing anything wrong with reference to those fully paid shares, that when the Finance Corporation was going to close, they could have instructed Pierce and Co. to draw against those L/Cs. and set aside those \$3147,000 worth of fully paid shares, and when the liquidator was appointed on June 8, those fully paid shares would have been in Pierce and Company would only have taken \$3110,000 of the \$3260,000 surplus that was there, if the L/Cs. had been used. Those securities could have been set aside, and there would still have been a surplus of \$150,000, and that is what they would have done—what any successful man would have done—had they thought for a moment that there was anything fraudulent in what had been going on.

MR. RAVEN'S DEFENCE

Mr. Evans—I wish to reply to the suggestion of the prosecution to the effect that I called medical evidence for some other purpose than to deal with the merits of this case. This Court is charged with the duty which is the highest known to our civilization. We are not here to plead for mercy, and I now disclaim, as I have disclaimed before, any intention of doing so. This Court will do its duty regardless of consequences: those are in the hands of a higher authority, in which we must all trust.

The accounts of the A.O.F.C. Corporation were made up in accordance with the system which had been long established. They were perfectly open; they didn't indicate that the security held by any of the complaining witnesses were held in safe-keeping. Moreover, the conduct of the defendants with regard to these securities was perfectly open. If the defendants had been commonly pursuing a course of wrongful conduct, nothing would have been easier for them, in the few days after May 23, to have destroyed the records, on which the prosecution has relied in this case. The defendants are not on trial for general misconduct or depravity; they are on trial for doing certain specific things, and I must be proved that they actually did the act, whatever their intent, before we can go on to similar acts to prove intent. The defendants have been stated to have used prominent local people, and made them directors of their several companies, "putting them in as window-dressers." Well, a director of one of these corporations was Judge Purdy. One can imagine him as a window dresser. I wonder what he thinks about it!

I submit that, on the law, Mr. Raven cannot be convicted as charged in the information. I submit that the Finance Corporation itself has not committed any offence, and that neither it, nor any officer can be convicted. I submit that the evidence against Mr. Brown falls to show any felonious intent, or falls to show that his conduct comes within the description of the word "wrongful" as it is used in Sec. 334, and as it is used in the statutes of the District of Columbia, and I submit that the defendants on all the facts are not guilty, and must be discharged.

DR. SELLETT REPLIES

Dr. Sellett replying on the question of wrongful intent invited the Judge to "look at the sordid details of the manner in which these defendants carried on this business. Look at the way they juggled figures in the balance sheets, putting losses in as profits and assets. Dismissing auditors, when they wouldn't give them the kind of balance sheet which they wanted. Officers of the Finance Corporation heavily indebted to the Corporation—speculating and gambling with other people's money. Officers of the Corporation, who when the Finance Corporation finally closed up, owed the corporation upwards of \$1,175,000, and down to the hearing of this case, the liquidators has said he has been unable to collect a nickel from them. That is the picture we have with this kind of background, how can Mr. Franklin or anyone else in their senses pos-

SAFETY AT SEA

British Ships Are Safe

As a result of several distressing losses of British ships during the year, the safety of life at sea has been brought into public debate, and the Chamber of Shipping has issued a statement, urging that wrong inferences should not be drawn from isolated disasters, writes the shipping correspondent of the Birmingham Post.

"British ships are safe and are becoming safer," it is stated. "Weather conditions vary from year to year and the records of losses show corresponding variation. During the last year or two storms have caused more losses than in the immediately preceding year or two, though fewer than in earlier years. The statistics of losses of vessels and of loss of life show a steady improvement; as measured in losses of vessels, British shipping is two and a half times as safe as before the war, and foreign shipping is nearly twice as safe."

"In the last fifteen years a great advance has been made. Taking three-year averages since 1920, losses of United Kingdom seagoing vessels of 1,600 tons gross and upwards have fallen steadily as follows:

Average in period 1920-22 1 in 158; 1923-26 1 in 191; 1926-28 1 in 192; 1929-31 1 in 217; 1932-34 1 in 242.

"Of the world's tonnage, Britain owns 33 per cent. of the world's losses, Britain has suffered 25 per cent. The loss of life has declined still more strikingly. Compared with the numbers employed, the loss of life among officers and seamen serving in our trading vessels averaged in the period 1910-14 one in 412. Apart from the loss of the Titanic and Empress of Ireland, which may be considered exceptional disasters, the losses averaged one in 582. In the period 1922-1926 losses were one in 976; in the period 1927-1931, one in 2,250; and in the period 1932-1934, one in 2,380. The figures indicate that safety of life at sea is four to six times greater than before the war."

LESS THAN ROAD TOLL

"Lives of passengers lost in the year 1910-1914 averaged 429 (or, omitting the Titanic and Empress of Ireland, 96) and dropped in 1929-1933 to an average of twenty-two. Compared with this the road deaths in Great Britain in 1934 numbered 7,343. In 1934 there were 333 persons killed on the roads for every one passenger lost at sea in British ships in the years 1929-1933, and for every one passenger lost in the latter period nineteen were lost in the years 1910-14."

"The improvement of safety at sea, which all nations share, is due to science much more than to regulation; in particular the development of the marine engine and of wireless improvements in machinery and the growth of various aids to navigation. Great Britain may, however, fairly claim that her relative freedom from loss of life and property at sea is due to quality—not only Government regulations and the strictness of their application, but of British masters, seamen and ships, and, it may be added, management."

"We have more ships under ten years old and fewer ships over twenty years old than other countries, and nearly half the big tonnage (i.e., tonnage over 10,000) is British. Shipowners have taken advantage of tried improvements in design, construction, equipment and methods of propulsion. With the co-operation of the organizations representing masters, officers and seamen, they have been pioneers in promoting safety and load-line regulations. As a result the law in this and other countries has been brought up to a high standard, and close attention is being given to promoting the most effective administration of the law throughout the world."

bly argue that the conduct of these defendants must be presumed to be 'guilty'?" "It is an insult to the intelligence, and I submit that, under the facts of this case and under all the evidence before your Honour, there should not be the slightest difficulty in your Honour finding these defendants guilty on the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th, and 11th counts of the information which has been laid against them." The Court then adjourned.

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ROYAL NAVY

Recovery Of Floating Mines

London, Jan. 15.

In notices to mariners the Admiralty have again circulated information regarding floating mines which may occasionally be met with. They may be either dummy British mines or mines originally laid before November, 1918, either British or foreign. British dummy mines are filled with sand or some similar substance instead of explosive and have the words "sand filled" painted in large white letters round the top mouthpiece, and stamped on the top and bottom annulus rings.

As regards mines laid during the War, all evidence goes to show that these are innocuous to any ship that may strike them after this lapse of time. They are also safe for any ordinary handling, such as mooring inboard and landing on deck, rolling over, and the like. No attempt, however, should be made to open one, or remove parts of it, except by a skilled naval rating. In order that valuable dummy mines that may have broken adrift from their moorings may be returned to the authorities the Admiralty will pay £2 for the recovery of a floating mine found at two miles or less distance from the coast and delivered to the local authority in the United Kingdom; or £5 for the recovery if found at more than two miles from the coast. For the first recovery if found at more than two miles from the coast. For the first report of a mine washed up on shore £10 will be paid.

SOUTH AMERICA CRUISES

H.M.S. York, flagship of Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Matthew Best, Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies, will visit Valparaiso from January 17 to 30, and Talcahuano from January 31 to February 5. The sloop Scarborough, Commander F. R. Baxter, left England on Sunday after recommissioning at Chatham for Gibraltar. On January 25 she is due to leave there for South America. These two ships will replace the cruisers normally in the South American Division, the Exeter and Ajax, now with the Fleet in the Mediterranean.

COMMANDER OF THE NEWCASTLE

It is very rare for the appointment of a commander, R.N., to a new cruiser to be announced before she is launched. This has happened in the case of Commander W. Y. La R. Beverley, who has been appointed to the Newcastle, which is due to be launched at the Vickers-Armstrongs yard at Walker-on-Tyne on January 23. Commander Beverley has recently been serving at Malta, and formerly commanded the target-towing sloop Chrysanthemum. He was lent to the Australian Navy in 1932-34. During the War he served as midshipman of the battleship Hercules, as a flight sub-lieutenant at Pembroke airship station, and as a lieutenant in H.M.S. Cleopatra at Harwich.

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS

Amphion and St. Just left Portsmouth for Portland (Jan. 13). Antelope left Haifa for Falmouth (Jan. 13). Bridgewater arrived Accra (Jan. 11). Calio, Saltburn, St. Martin, Nelson, Windsor, Wrestler, and Ambuscade left Portsmouth for Portland (Jan. 13). Dainty left Bombay for Aden (Jan. 12). Diana arrived Bombay (Jan. 13). Duncan and Darling left Singapore for Bangkok (Jan. 13). Grimsby left Ball for Semarang (Jan. 13). Hampshire left Gibraltar for Sheerness (Jan. 12). Heliant left Malta for Alexandria (Jan. 12). Scarab arrived Kuantang (Jan. 11). Scarborough left Sheerness for Gibraltar (Jan. 12). Submarine L 54 arrived Devonport (Jan. 13).

U.S. DESTROYER LAUNCH

The new American destroyer Dunlap is due to be launched today by the United Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, New York City, where she was laid down on April 10, 1935. The Dunlap and a sister vessel the Fanning, laid down at the same time, are due for delivery early in June next. Mrs. Robert H. Dunlap, of Washington, will perform the naming ceremony at to-day's launch. The vessel is named in honour of her husband, the late Brigadier-General Robert H. Dunlap, U.S. Marine Corps, who was killed on May 19, 1931, in France during a series of landings while attempting to rescue a woman.

JAPAN AND CHINA

The 1935 Treaty

(To the Editor of "The Times" from Mr. C. C. Wang, Chairman, London Chinese Assoc.)

Sir,—In his second letter Admiral Kerr says:—

In 1915 the Japanese made the Nishihara Loan of 23,000,000 to the Chinese Government, while the Anfu Party were in power. I beg to observe that the Admiral's memory seems to be confused because the notorious "Nishihara Loan" was made, not by the 1915 Treaty, as he told us in his first letter, nor in 1915, through the Anfu Party, as he tells us now, because the 1915 Treaty, signed by Yuan Shih-Kai, had no reference to the "Nishihara Loan," and the Anfu Party was not organized until a considerable time after Yuan's death in 1916.

Admiral Kerr tells us the ratification of the 1915 Treaty was impossible because there was no Parliament until after the Nine-Power Treaty in 1922. I am sorry to say that this statement is again incorrect, because Parliament was convened soon after Yuan's death in 1916 and sat almost a whole year. The ratification of the 1915 Treaty was impossible not because there was no Parliament, as the Admiral asserts, but because Parliament found that particular treaty unfit for ratification.

Admiral Kerr introduces a new justification for Japan's aggression by saying Manchuria is outside the Great Wall. We cannot see the relevance of this argument, but we can only say, for illustration, that if the argument were valid then it would be permissible for some of Great Britain's neighbours, though unthinkable, to invade Scotland because it is outside the Hadrian Wall, as both these walls were built about 2,000 years ago, and both were for the identical purpose of preventing the Northerners from attacking the South.

Another new justification given for Japan's invasion is that Manchuria never has been looked upon as part of "China Proper." This assertion, I beg to submit, is incorrect, if not irrelevant, for although Manchuria had been called a "territory" or a "dependency" before 1905 on account of its status being somewhat different from that of the Provinces, that difference in status did not prevent Manchuria from being an integral part of China. Moreover, that slight difference has been removed since 1905, because in that year Manchuria gained the full status of the so-called "China Proper" by becoming three Provinces. Thereafter Manchuria has been amalgamated with "China Proper" identically as other provinces. Even for argument's sake, if Manchuria were still a "territory" or a "dependency," which it is not, it is hard to see how that fact could justify Japan's invasion. Indeed, if Admiral Kerr's reasoning could be accepted, then would it not mean it is permissible, say, for Japan to invade Australia, Hong Kong, or Singapore because they are not "China Proper," or to attack Alaska because it has the status of "territory," as Manchuria had before 1905?

Admiral Kerr said in his first letter that a British Advisor told him "that 30,000,000 Chinese peasants had gone into South Manchuria to be under Japanese rule." (My italics) Now he supports this statement by quoting Nora Waln's book as saying "that in May, 1931, there were already 30,000,000 Chinese farmers, spread over Manchuria." (My italics) It must be apparent that the Admiral's first quotation is disproved by his second quotation, because South Manchuria is a small part of which Japanese rule was limited, constituting only a very small portion of what is meant by "Manchuria." His quotation of the American writer still further disproves his assertion that the 30,000,000 peasants went to South Manchuria to be under Japanese rule, because he himself tells us these farmers did not care whether the "King in Manchuria" was a "Russian, British, American, Japanese, Manchu, or Ming." As a matter of fact, his own reference confirms that these farmers went to Manchuria not to enjoy Japanese rule, but to be under Chinese rule, because the "King in Manchuria," who lets farmers, "settle there and beyond taking 20 per cent. of the harvest, does not bother people," as quoted by the Admiral, refers precisely to the Chinese Governor-General, who sometimes was called the "Uncrowned King of Manchuria."

Yours respectfully, C. C. WANG, Chairman.

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LORD BEATTY

Retirement From
Active List

London, Jan. 17.
The retirement of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Beatty on reaching the age limit of 65 may be said to mark the end of an epoch, for he is the last officer on the active list who held substantive rank as a flag officer during the War. One other, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, was an acting rear-admiral from January 8, 1918, but his substantive rank throughout the War was that of captain.

All the flag officers now on the active list were promoted after the War, the senior, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Frederick Field, on February 11, 1919. During his career Lord Beatty has created many records, and one of them is to have remained at the head of the active list for the longest period in modern times. He has been the senior Admiral of the Fleet for over 11 years, since the late Lord Jellicoe retired at the age of 65 in December, 1924.

SERVICE

It was in January, 1884, that Lord Beatty entered the Britannia, and 50 years ago he had just received his appointment as midshipman to H.M.S. Alexandra, flagship of the Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean. At Malta in 1888 he first became known to his brother officers as a horseman. In his volume of reminiscences, "Looking Back," Captain the Hon. Sir Seymour Fortescue says: "But in addition to ponies, the Navy had a very valuable racing possession, which amounted almost to a monopoly—namely, the best light-weight jockey in the island, in the person of Midshipman David Beatty, who, being of a riding family, had been well brought up by his father—the Major of that name. Major Beatty knew, and no man better, not only all about the animal, horse, but how he should be ridden, and his son had profited to the full by the lessons he had received as a small boy."

Lord Beatty became a lieutenant in 1892. Six years later he had, his first opportunity for distinction, in command of gunboats on the Nile during the Sudan operations under Lord Kitchener, and became a Commander and D.S.O. at 27. In 1900, as Commander of the Barfleur in China, he again displayed great gallantry in operations on shore during the Boxer War, in which he was twice wounded. This brought him promotion to captain before he was 30. In consequence of his war wounds he had not completed the regulation amount of sea time when his turn came for advancement to rear-admiral in January, 1910, at the age of 39, and a special Order in Council was necessary to promote him. He became naval secretary to Mr. Churchill in 1911, and hoisted his flag in the Lion in 1913 in command of the Battle Cruiser Squadron.

IN THE NORTH SEA

Throughout the War he served in the North Sea, until November, 1918, in command of the Battle Cruiser Force, and from then as Commander-in-Chief, Grand Fleet, until it was disbanded on April 8, 1919. He was in the Lion during the three principal North Sea actions of the War, the Heligoland Bight affair (August 28, 1914), the Dogger Bank action (January 24, 1915), and the "Jutland" battle (May 31, 1916). In November, 1919, he was appointed First Sea Lord, an office he held until July, 1927. It was during this period that he had the difficult and unenviable task of carrying into effect the great reductions in the strength of the Fleet decided upon by successive Governments, particularly after the Washington Conference of 1922.

Since he left the Admiralty Lord Beatty has been active in various ways on behalf of his profession. He succeeded the late Sir Doveton Sturdee as president of the Society for Nautical Research, and thereby helped in the restoration of Nelson's Victory. He has sponsored appeals for the sea scout movement, and the training ship Implacable in his capacity as Chief Sea Scout. British, coastwise shipping has also claimed his support. Both on the public platform and from his place in the House of Lords he has advocated the replacement of these war-worn vessels of which he was in command 18 years ago.

His love of hunting is reflected in his presidency of the Royal Naval Hunt Club, to which he gave a challenge cup. In these and other ways it may confidently be expected that Lord Beatty will not

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"Some Aspects of Gardening in Hong Kong" by Aquarius
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather report
8.03 to 8.15 p.m.—

A Relay from Daventry
"A Talk by the Chief Engineer of the B.C.C."
8.15 to 8.55 p.m.—

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Piano Solos—Please Teacher—Selection:
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Humpty Dumpty—Cicely Courtneidge
Songs—I'm in the Mood for Love
I Wish on the Moon—Lanny Ross
Band—Six Hit Medley No. 1
8.55 to 9.15 p.m.—

From the Studio
Selections by "The Walkie Trio"

PROGRAMME
1. Pagan Moon
2. Keleha Hiki Mai
3. Nani Wale Lihue
4. My Little Grass Shack in Kealahoua, Hawaii
5. Oh! Sweet Violet
9.15 to 9.30 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter)
9.30 to 9.45 p.m.—

Light Orchestral Music
Neapolitan Melodies Medley
Spring Song (Mendelssohn)
Narcissus (Nevin)
9.45 to 10 p.m.—

From the Studio
A Pianoforte Recital by Marina Barretto

PROGRAMME
1. In the Evening—Schumann
2. Jardin Sous la Pluie—Debussy
3. Valse No. 6—Chopin
10 p.m.—Big Ben
10 to 11 p.m.—Dance Music
11 p.m.—Close down

BERLIN PROGRAMME

9.05 p.m.—Call DJA, DJB, DJN (German, Engl.)
German Folk Song
Programme Forecast (German, Engl.)
9.15 p.m.—"Fireside Tales" Op. 61 by MacDowell
At the Piano: Max Nahrat
9.45 p.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJB, DJN
10 p.m.—Selections from the Opera "Aida" by Verdi. Conductor: Werner Richter-Reichhelm
11.15 p.m.—News in German on DJA, DJB, DJN. Close down DJN
11.30 p.m.—To-day in Germany Sound Pictures
11.45 p.m.—Marriment in Vienna at Vintage Time
The Dietrich Quartet Dance Quartet: Walter Simlinger, Tenor
12.15 a.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN
12.30 a.m.—Close DJA, DJN (German, Engl.)

RADIO MANILA

8 p.m.—Sunset Dance Programme by the Lyric Orchestra
8.15 p.m.—Edna Ickiano and her Songs

be slow to further the interests of British seamen even though he is no longer on the active list.

STRAIGHT FROM
HOLLYWOOD

Sometimes it takes a disaster to make Hollywood break down and be really human.

Take the case of Beulah MacDonald, who comes from Scotland, is one of Paramount's minor contract players, and has a small part in Bing Crosby's next musical picture, ANYTHING GOES.

In the middle of the picture she was thrown from her horse, while not working, and was taken to hospital with a broken collar bone and three broken ribs.

That meant no work for at least six weeks and she was withdrawn from the cast of ANYTHING GOES. Expenses were piling up and she had very little money. What worried her was how she was going to continue supporting her mother.

As soon as she heard of her plight at the studio Bing Crosby, Ida Lupino, Rhel Merman, Charles Ruggles, Director Lewis Milestone, the technical men and the small part players all contributed to give Beulah a part of slightly more than \$100.

HE CAN'T SELL IT.
Fred Davies, who left his native town, Swansea, in South Wales, many years ago to go to Hollywood, is the key man in the dressing-room building at the Paramount studios.

A key man's job corresponds with that of a hotel clerk, only he is not so busy. Generally, Fred just sits.

To-day he not only sits out ne shakes his head because for a month THE dressing-room at Paramount has been vacant. . . the STAR dressing-room.

It was vacated six weeks ago when Sylvia Sidney, who plays the lead in MARY'S BURNS, FUGITIVE, left the studio to go on location for THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE.

Only three stars ever have had that dressing-room, Fred Davies points out. First there was Pola Negri, who had it decorated in the oriental manner with lots of gold and red. Then Clara Bow took it over and didn't change it much because she liked the red.

When Sylvia Sidney took it over five years ago, it went all modern. Now it's vacant and Fred can't understand it. "By gosh, we used to have some real lights over that room," he sighs.

WENDY'S NEW BAG.

Wendy Barrie, Paramount player in MILLIONS IN THE AIR, has a smart new brown bag, inspired by the good old-fashioned horseshoe.

Of smooth brown calfskin, the bag is shaped like a horseshoe and is studded around one side with square nail-heads of dull gold.

Superstitious young Hollywood players are anxious to imitate this fad in time for the racing season, which has a style value to every girl in Hollywood.

MEDAL FOR PARAMOUNT.

Paramount's "The Scoundrel," with the British actor-playwright-composer, Noel Coward, has been awarded a medal for the best scenario of the year by the committee of the Belgian Cinematograph Exhibition recently held at Brussels.

"The Scoundrel" was the second picture produced for Paramount by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur—their first being the sensational "Crime Without Passion."

Hecht and MacArthur have just finished their third for Paramount—SOAK THE RICH, which features Walter Connolly, the Irish-American actor.

AN ALL-ROUNDER!

Jan Klepura, the famous tenor, and favourite of the London stage, whose first picture for Paramount is GIVE US THIS NIGHT, has ideas that are not limited to music.

He has definite ideas on hotels, because he designed, built, and conducts the Patria in Poland, one of the finest of continental hotels.

He has definite ideas about the law, because he is a qualified lawyer.

He also has definite ideas on swimming because he is a swimmer, on tennis because he is a first-class tennis player, on golf because he is a plus man, and on football, because he once played soccer for Poland.

In his spare time Jan makes time for Paramount.

SIR GUY'S ZOO

The recent forest fires at Lake Malibu, near Hollywood, have transformed Sir Guy Standing's huge landscape gardens into a menagerie.

Hundreds of quail, pheasant and woodcock have sought refuge in his house, the only oasis for miles in the fire blackened area. Sir Guy is still waiting for the local Conservancy Board to come and claim all the fauna.

SOVIET PLANS ITS
HOLLYWOOD

800 Films a Year

Hollywood is to have a rival in Soviet Russia.

A film city is to be established very shortly on the Black Sea coast, where the entire film production of the Soviet Union is to be centralized.

This decision was taken by the national conference of Cinema Workers which sat in Moscow in connection with the 40th anniversary of the invention of the cinematograph.

Speakers at the conference talked of producing 250 films during the first year of the city's existence, and of gradually increasing this output to the United States level of 800 films annually by adopting Stanhanov (speeding-up) methods.

5.30 p.m.—Spanish International Period

6.40 p.m.—English International Period

6.50 p.m.—Stock quotations through the courtesy of Swan, Culbertson and Fils.

7 p.m.—La Imperial Cigar and Cigarette Factory presents "Alas Filipinas" with Juanillos Jr. and his String Ensemble.

7.20 p.m.—Rincon Español, featuring Ramon Estrella.

7.35 p.m.—Studio Music.

7.45 p.m.—Elizalde y Cia. Programme

8 p.m.—Max Lazo and his Hawaiianians.

8.15 p.m.—"Apo on the Air," sponsored by the Cebu Portland Cement Co.

8.30 p.m.—Baque Presentation

8.45 p.m.—Stock Quotations and Local Market Reports.

9 p.m.—Tirao Cruz and his Manila Hotel Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Sign Off.

ADMIRALTY
APPOINTMENT

New Director Of Personal Services

London, Jan. 15.
The Admiralty make the following announcement:

The following amended date of appointment has been approved: Rear-Admiral Geoffrey Layton, D.S.O., to be Director of Personal Services, in succession to Rear-Admiral J. F. Somerville, C.B., D.S.O., to date February 25, 1936, and to be appointed to the Presidency of the Admiralty, to date February 18, 1936.

Our Naval Correspondent writes:—Rear-Admiral Layton, hitherto in command of the R.N. Barracks at Portsmouth, was to have taken up this Admiralty post on November 8. The postponement has been due to the special movements of the Fleet on account of the international situation. In November the officer nominated to succeed him at the Barracks was still in command of H.M.S. Revenge at Alexandria. Rear-Admiral Layton last served at the Admiralty as a captain in 1927-28, when he was Deputy Director of the Operations Division, Naval Staff.

Smart's wife was musical. But Smart was a good husband, and when she expressed a desire to leave the violin he promised to buy her one as a present.

"A violin for your wife?" said the assistant at the music shop. "Certainly, sir. One with a chin rest."

"Yes," said Smart. Then as a brilliant idea came to him, he hurried after the assistant, and caught him by the sleeve.

"Make it a detachable chin rest," he said. "My wife can't play the violin."

"What?" said the assistant. "You can't play the violin?"

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"THE LITTLEST REBEL"
Coming To The
King's Theatre

After a very successful run in Shanghai, Shirley Temple's latest picture "The Littlest Rebel" will be shown at the King's Theatre soon. I witnessed a preview yesterday, and I have no hesitation in stating that it is among the finest pictures she has made to date.

As in her last vehicle with Lionel Barrymore, the picture shows Shirley with the sunny smile as a virile and attractive background, in the days before the outbreak of civil war between the Yankees and the Confederates. Contentment reigns everywhere, from those working on the plantation fields to the skilful and old retainers in the rather palatial households. The outbreak of the war sees everything changed. The southern forces are driven back and cotton fields, homes and property are ruthlessly destroyed.

John Boles and Karen Morley as Shirley's parents are introduced in the war. Boles as a captain in the Confederate forces, father is

Funeral Scenes At The Queen's

EARLY LOCAL RELEASE

The following notification has been circulated by the management of the Queen's Theatre in connection with the early release of the scenes at the late King George's funeral.

"We have been requested by some of our patrons to procure as quickly as possible a film depicting the scenes in connection with the funeral of the late King George the Fifth. By special arrangement with the Paramount Co. we have arranged for a copy to be sent to us by air mail and it will reach here in time to be screened at the Queen's Theatre on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of February.

"We anticipate an extraordinary demand for seating accommodation for the early screening of this film and as we feel sure you would wish to see it, we would suggest you secure your reservation without delay.

given the story when Shirley's mother dies from exposure in escaping from the attacking forces, while Jack Holt, as a Yankee officer comes into the story in his attempts to capture Boles.

A last minute reprieve by Abraham Lincoln, who is shown with Shirley Temple sitting on his knee pleading for her father, ends a rather weak story with the conventional happy ending.

Shirley is entertaining to the extreme. John Boles, Karen Morley and Jack Holt have comparatively small roles but they enact them well enough to provide the necessary background that lends some sequence to the story. To Bill Robinson praise must be given for his tap dancing, while his pieces with Shirley are really entertaining. Robinson's performance of a faithful old retainer is realistic and he is supported by Stoppin' Petchit in this respect. Some of the exterior scenes photographed were extremely pretty while the scenes depicting war are authentic enough.

Moreover, I found the picture most interesting and Shirley as captivating as ever. "Redneck"

TO-DAY AT THE NIZAM TO "STAR"
CINEMA
Hong Kong

KING'S:
"The In The Air"
QUEEN'S:
"Man on the Flying Trapeze"
ORIENTAL:
"Arizona"
Kowloon
ALHAMBRA:
"The Man Trailer"
MAJESTIC:
"Flame Within"
STAR:
Benefit Performances in aid of Street Sleepers' Shelter Society.

Coming
KING'S:
"The Littlest Rebel"
QUEEN'S:
"He Was Her Man"
"Peter Ibbetson"
ORIENTAL:
"She"
ALHAMBRA:
"Girl In Danger"
"Littlest Rebel"
STAR:
"Annapolis Farewell"
MAJESTIC:
"Diamond Jim"
"THE MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE"
At The Queen's Theatre

With Fieldian pronouncements and Fieldian pantomimic blunders dominating the film, "Man On The Flying Trapeze" now showing at the Queen's Theatre, becomes another triumph for the king of comedians, W. C. Fields.

Using all the comic devices, with which Fields fans have already become familiar, in brand new situations, the comedy succeeds in providing first rate entertainment never slowing up in its action for a moment, with laughs galore from start to finish.

In an entirely different role than he has hitherto played, Fields has plenty of opportunity to indulge the type of individual foxy which has made him famous.

Starting off in one of those hilarious "retiring for the night" scenes, Fields is revealed as a brow-beaten, hen-pecked husband whose adventures eventually carry him from his bed, at the insistence of his wife, Kathleen Howard, to the cellar to rout a couple of singing burglars from the house. Instead he joins them in the drinking of his own apple cider, wherein he finds himself leading the hastily formed quartette in a rendition of "The Banks of the Wabash." Eventually and inevitably he is carted off to jail where much to his surprise and dismay he lands behind the bars, while his companions go free. His daughter, Mary Brian, goes to his rescue.

As he hasn't troubles enough, his ticket for the wrestling match is stolen. From then on, his attempts to elude his in-laws and get the boss permission for the afternoon off to attend the bout keep things going at a lively pace. How he finally reaches the limit of his endurance in his marital troubles, how his value as memory expert at his office is at last recognized from other sprightly, breezy sequences.

HE WAS HER MAN
"He Was Her Man" a new Warner Bros. production with an unique love theme, coming attraction at the Queen's Theatre, with James Cagney and Joan Blondell in the stellar roles.

The picture is said to be a highly dramatic story of a thoroughly unscrupulous underworld character who has a way with women and takes his love where he finds it. The role is enacted by James Cagney with

Richest Man On The Screen

The Nizam of Hyderabad, richest man in the world, is to appear on the screen as a "star."

He will make a talking film of the magnificent Silver Jubilee celebrations of his accession to the ancient throne of Hyderabad. It will show the superb parade of elephants, the wonderful radio exhibition and a wonder display of fireworks costing £10,000.

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The Nizam will be the central figure in this film, wearing jewels of extraordinary splendour and value.

This will be the first film ever made in which real pearls and rubies worth millions of pounds are "shot."

The Nizam's wealth is computed to be anything up to £150,000,000. No one knows the real extent of his hoarded wealth.

To-day the city of Hyderabad, resplendent with its beautiful mosques and fragile-looking minarets, is changing into a fairy city. The streets are decorated with multi-coloured paper garlands and flowers.

The Nizam's experts made special visits to London last summer to watch and study the decorations of London during the King's Silver Jubilee.

The Durbar Hall has been enlarged to hold 10,000 guests from all parts of the world.

DRESS WONDER
The Moslem Peers of Great Britain and learned leaders of Islam will be specially invited to attend the ceremony.

Deputations from America and Africa are going to Hyderabad to offer their congratulations in person.

The Nizam has ordered a special dress to be made for the occasion, modelled on the style of that worn by the great Mogul Emperor Shahajahan, the builder of the world-famous Taj Mahal.

The turban and dress of the Nizam will contain priceless jewels.

The world has not yet seen a costlier garment.

And all this will be pictured.

WELLS FILM "FIRST NIGHT"
Record Price For Seats

Arrangements were concluded for "Things to Come," Alexander Korda's £200,000 film based on the H. G. Wells story of the future, to begin its West End run at the Leicester Square Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

In view of the interest with which the picture is being awaited, it has been decided to charge the same prices on the opening night as for a Cochran revue—from 6s to £2 2s. For a film premiere not devoted to the ends of charity, this is probably a record.

JUST A FILM DUEL
Two British Stars Were Hurt

British film stars, Leslie Howard and Basil Rathbone, were injured in Hollywood—duelling.

Scene was the shooting of the film, "Romeo and Juliet." So vigorously did they fight that Leslie Howard, playing Romeo, put his finger out. Basil Rathbone received a slight cut in the arm.

Director George Cukor, worried for the safety of his stars, ordered them to be more careful next time.

Miles Standell playing the part of a woman of the streets who is about to put her past behind her and marry a Portuguese fisherman when she becomes infatuated with this rogue with a magnetic personality. Cagney, the arch villain, is about to double cross the girl when members of the gang on whom he has squealed catch up with him and he does "the one decent act of his life by going to the death without invoking his victim's forgiveness."

Victor Jory has the role of the fisherman while others in the cast include Frank Craven, Russell Hopton, Rufe Harold, Sarah Padden, John Qualen, George Chandler and Samuel E. Hines.

13 STARS FROM HOLLYWOOD
Record "Bag" For British Films

Michael Balcon, Director of productions for the Gaumont-British Corporation, when he returns from his American tour will bring with him contracts with the largest number of American stars ever collected in the same "bag."

The following 13 are some of the Hollywood players who will shortly be seen in British pictures: Constance Bennett, who will make "Everything is Thunder" and "The Hawk"; Joan Bennett, to play the heroine of the Edgar Wallace thriller, "The Northing Tramp"; Chester Morris to be leading man in "Courier of the Czar," made years ago as a silent film ("Michael Strogoff") by the Universal Company; May Robson, to play Strogoff's mother in the same picture; Victor McLaglen, the Irish-South African (now a naturalised American), who recently made his greatest hit since "What Price Glory?" in "The Informer," to be Pte. Mulyaney in Kipling's "Soldiers Three";

THE HARRIER
Sylvia Sydney, to start in a story to be written for her and directed by Alfred Hitchcock; Richard Arlen, to play in "The Barrier"—not the Rex Beach best-seller, but a story about the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, published by Alan Sullivan under the title, "The Great Divide"; Maureen O'Sullivan, to play opposite Mr. Arlen in the same picture; Edmund Lowe in a story not yet selected; Charles Ruggles, one of Hollywood's most delightful comedians, in a comedy of television, "World Without a Mask"; Sally Eilers, to be the heroine of a new version of "The Wreck-er"; Roland Young (who has been playing in Alexander Korda's "Man Who Could Work Miracles"), to star in "King Solomon's Mines"; Robert Young (on loan to make "Secret Agent"), to be Jessie Matthews' leading man in her next picture.

Mr. Balcon's move represents a determined attempt to extend the American market already won by the Gaumont-British Corporation with productions like "Rome Express," "The Man Who Knew Too Much," "The Thirty-Nine Steps" and "The Tunnel."

LIFE OF NELSON ON SCREEN
Rats and Frogs in Film of Paris

Alexander Korda, chief of London Film Productions, is to make an elaborate British film this year of the career of Nelson.

It will show the rise of British sea-power through the centuries. No actor has yet been chosen for the title role.

At the Shepperton studios a reconstruction of the sewers of Paris has been constructed for "Wolf's Clothing," in which Gordon Harker, Lill Palmer, George Graves and Claude Hulbert are appearing.

Dozens of rats and some large bull-frogs are being kept at the studio for these scenes.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S NEW FILM

Stanley Lupino returned to London after a short holiday in Hollywood. He saw part of Charlie Chaplin's new film, "Modern Times," and says that a scene in which the comedian takes the part of a customer while an inventor demonstrates a mechanical water is the funniest thing he has seen.

"Chaplin is strapped in a chair," he told me, "the machine produces a napkin, hors d'oeuvres, and fish after dish, while the hungry customer smiles with gratification."

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GRETA GARBO'S NEXT
Greta Garbo's next film subject will be probably "Tovarich," this play by Jacques Douai now in its eighth month at the Lyric Theatre, Shaftsbury Avenue, W., London.

A cable to the "Kinematograph Weekly," the leading trade journal, gives this news.

Mr. Sam Eckman, Jun., London chief of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, disclaimed any knowledge of the play being chosen for Garbo, but the studio acquired the subject from Gilbert Miller some weeks ago.

NEW WAR FILM
A new Hollywood picture, "The Melody Lingers On," opened at the London Pavilion.

Its plot of an American girl's waraby being reared by strangers and finally becoming a singer with the mother never revealing herself, has the East-Lynns brand of sound sentiment.

The setting is the Italian front, well simulated. Josephine Hutchinson is an attractive heroine and George Houston, with a fine voice, does a section of "Carmen" in the early portion.

The authors have not hesitated to use the name of a great English singer, but the picture is not a singer's story.

THE FILM AND THE GRAMOPHONE
Sound has brought the gramophone and the cinema into such close relationship that it is surprising no film has yet been made of the earlier recording industry. But now a young company, whose first picture dealt with radio, is turning its attention to the gramophone. "Death at Broadcasting House" will be followed by "Calling the Tune," a film whose plot is bound up with the history of recording, or wax. Great care is being taken to ensure correctness in the technical details, the production having the services of G. W. Dillman, who has spent thirty-five years in the gramophone studios. He was the "recorder" of the first Melba record and has been responsible for placing on discs the voices of the Prince of Wales, Lord Roberts, Caruso, Patti, Harry Lauder, Marie Lloyd, and Dan Leno.

In "Calling the Tune" Sir Henry Wood, with the Queen's Hall Orchestra, George Robey and Sir Cedric Hardwicke will be seen making records. The actual photographs upon which "Death at Broadcasting House" and "Calling the Tune" are based will be made in the early portion of the picture.

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POSSESSION OF HEROIN PILLS

Case Again Adjourned

Two lawyers engaged in the defence of three Chinese and two women, charged with possession of a large quantity of heroin pills and with conspiracy to manufacture pills, engaged the attention of the court yesterday in the case at the Central Magistracy, an adjournment finally being ordered by Mr. W. Schofield to consider the case fully.

The case has been going on for some time, counsel for one of the defendants stating that his client had already served three months in jail in respect to the charges brought against her.

The defendants are Chiu Kau, Lo Shing, and Li So, alias Li Tat Shing, and two women, Lo Ying and Fung Shui.

The charges against Chiu Kau, Lo Shing, Li So and Ho Ying are that they had in their possession 35,500 heroin pills on the second floor of No. 15 Caroline Road, on November 19; possession of 63 ounces of cocaine phosphate and 14 ounces of strychnine, and, thirdly, possession of 17 ounces of heroin.

Fung Chiu is charged with the possession of 35,000 heroin pills and 17 ounces of heroin.

CASE RETOLD

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted while Mr. S. Ng Quin appeared on behalf of the first, second, fourth and fifth defendants and Mr. F. H. Loseby represented the third defendant.

Mr. Prentis in a resume of the case, emphasised that at the time of the police raid, all the defendants were found on the floor, while the only means of lighting the flat was by the use of three candles, which were placed in a cubicle.

Mr. Quin in his defence stated that so far as the second defendant was concerned, the only evidence offered against him was in connection with the orders that he had given to a carpenter's shop to have some bolts fixed to the door of the flat. Other than that the prosecution had no further evidence to offer except that he was on the floor at the time of the raid. Mr. Quin said that this was unfortunate and in his opinion second defendant had been a conscientious man.

NO KNOWLEDGE

With regard to the fourth defendant, the evidence that he had to rebut was that he had guilty knowledge of the matter. Her evidence showed that this was not the case, while her actions subsequent to and when arrested further substantiated this claim.

She had been in jail for three months, and any flaw in her evidence that might have arisen, was in counsel's opinion due to the strain of her sojourn in gaol, and was excusable. It was hard to remember what actually took place three months ago.

The girl is very young and it was most probable that she was obeying instructions given her, as she wished to obtain some cubicle space at some later date.

Mr. Loseby said that he wished to draw the attention of the court to the prosecutor's own words in describing the case, which were that the Assistant Crown Solicitor could not "put the case any higher than probability."

When a man was being apprehended on a criminal trial, Mr. Loseby said, the court was not concerned with probabilities and he would stress the point strongly that an advocate's duty was not to attempt only to raise probabilities. His duty was to say "here, have evidence on which you must convict."

With all due respects to his friend, Mr. Quin, he (Mr. Loseby) wished to dissociate himself with the former plea. His own client was charged with possession. In the first place were the defendants really in possession? He admitted that there was no evidence to connect his client with possession.

ACTUAL FACT

There was no charge for being in a flat where pills were being manufactured, and it was up to the prosecution to find that his client was actually in possession of heroin in the ordinary sense of the word.

The Crown's case against his client was that defendant was in the flat in the dark, that he had his coat on at the time of the raid, and was caught in the charge, witnesses for the Crown had testified formally to this effect.

Around the Courts

SOLDIER IN TROUBLE

Fleeing that he had had a few drinks and was not entirely responsible for his actions, Rifleman Edward Smith, of "D" Company of the Royal Ulster Rifles, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday on three charges of being found at 11.15 p.m. on February 2 in the Peak Garage, Stubbs Road, for an unlawful purpose; driving private car No. 2852 at the Peak Garage without the permission of the owner, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, and driving the car without a licence.

Mr. S. E. Green, sales manager of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Lt. F. G. Ratcliffe, of the Royal Ulster Rifles, were present in court.

Mr. Schofield fixed the hearing of the case for 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, February 8. The defendant was remanded in military custody.

MUZZLING CASES

A caution was administered to Mrs. Wilson, of 18, Kowloon Tong, yesterday by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy, before whom she appeared in answer to a summons for allowing her brown mongrel dog abroad in Essex Crescent on January 4, with a muzzle which was insufficient in restraining the dog from biting a youth named Freddie Wilkinson.

Sergeant P. Wear stated that the dog was actually muzzled at the time of the incident, and the boy was not bitten but that he was bruised on the leg. The skin was not broken.

Defendant said that she saw the incident which occurred when the boy in question was riding his bicycle. The dog ran after him and jumped up, its teeth or muzzle striking the boy on the leg. The dog had been inoculated, and she noticed that the lad's leg did not bleed.

His Worship: I am not sure that a case can be made out now that the facts have been revealed. It may have been the dog's teeth or the muzzle which struck the boy. Under the circumstances, a caution will meet the case.

Defendant further explained that the muzzle was made by Chinese makers and as it was not efficient, she suggested that it be made known to the public.

"It is the dog owner's responsibility," replied his Worship, "to see that it is efficient. I think wire muzzles are the most efficient."

Aziz Khan, of No. 47 Granville Road, was fined \$25 for allowing a dog abroad at Granville Road near Nathan Road on January 19 without a muzzle.

For allowing a brown terrier bitch abroad in Middle Road without a muzzle on January 16, Mr. Beer, of No. 10 Middle Road, ground floor, was fined \$17. Defendant stated that the dog had been inoculated at a fee of \$3.

THEFT OF CLOTHING

Brought before Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy yesterday charged with the theft of a pair of white cotton trousers from 41, Square Street, first floor, Cheung Po, 21, unemployed blacksmith, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. Detective Sergeant T. Graham prosecuted.

whereas Mr. Prentis himself in his cross-examination, had extracted from the second and fourth defendants that this was not the case.

As regards a slip of paper found on his client's possession, the Chinese detective who made the discovery, testified that he could not read English while the Chinese characters contained on the paper expressed thanks for patronage in business.

Inquiries instigated by the Crown had proved that the paper related to a transaction that had taken place in Shanghai. Yet the Crown asked the witness in question whether he could recognise the paper, after it was stated that witnesses could not read English.

Summing up Mr. Loseby contended that the Crown had failed to prove that his client was in actual possession of heroin, while the evidence regarding the coat and piece of paper was most unreliable, and should be ignored as the evidence in question was only formal.

The case was then adjourned until February 8.

ARMED ROBBERY CASE FOR SESSIONS

Further evidence was taken yesterday by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy, when Tsang Kan appeared before him on a charge of armed robbery.

As gathered by evidence on Monday, it appears that the defendant and five others unknown went into a cowshed at No. 12 Diamond Hill on the morning of December 14 and held up the inmates of the house and robbed them. Altogether \$83.50 in cash and other articles were stolen.

After hearing the evidence of one other victim of the robbery, His Worship committed defendant to stand trial at the next Criminal sessions.

MONEY LOAN CASE

An action for the recovery of \$5,000 was brought by The Tam Wai against the Hing Nam Co. and Tam Chek. The money was stated to have been lent to the defendants.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. W. M. Brown, was for the defendants.

After Mr. Lo had outlined his case, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., said that the sole issue was whether the money borrowed was actually for the use of the firm.

Evidence was then called after which the case was adjourned.

SLY BROTHELS

Three widows, Cheung Sam, 35, Chan Mui, aged 54, and Choi Sun-Lai, 60, charged with keeping sly brothels at 144 Hollywood Road, second floor, 173 Hollywood Road, first floor, and 184 Wellington Street, second floor, respectively, were fined \$50 each, or one month's hard labour, by Mr. Balfour at the Central Police Court yesterday. Orders against the houses were made by his Worship. Sub-Inspector B. Thorpe prosecuted.

NO DUTY PAID

A fine of \$17 or three weeks' imprisonment, was inflicted by Mr. Balfour at the Central Police Court yesterday on a woman, Li Ming, for the possession of a quantity of tobacco on which duty had not been paid. She was arrested at the Yuen On Wharf. Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit said the woman had previously claimed to be a hawker. Had the Indian constable not recognised her as a tobacco smuggler, she might have got away as a hawker.

NO LICENCES

Having been given a month's grace in which to renew their licences, the police made a raid on Monday on rickshaw coolies and no less than six pullers came before Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Acting Sub-Inspector Brittain stated that the vehicles were also unlicensed and summonses would be issued against the owners. Five of the defendants who were on \$5 bail each were fined \$1 each, while the sixth who was unable to raise bail was imprisoned till the Court rose.

CHICKEN THEFT

Sentences totalling six weeks' hard labour were passed upon Wong Tin-yan, 20, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to two charges of stealing a chicken and seven yards of cotton cloth. Inspector Chester-Woods stated that defendant was stopped by a Chinese constable about 6.30 p.m. on Monday and had in his possession the chicken, which he admitted stealing from Po Kong village. He was searched at the Police Station and a pawn ticket relating to the cloth was found in his pocket. The cloth was stolen on January 6.

HAIRY OPIUM

Kwok Pau, 35, unemployed, was fined \$130 with the alternative of five weeks' imprisonment, when he was charged before Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy yesterday with possession of four tael of illicit opium at the Yuen On Wharf. Defendant alleged that when outside the Kai U Fong Theatre last night a Chinese detective searched him and he replied that he had only a few ten dollar notes in his possession and no opium. Then, he further alleged, the detective took him down a side alley and accused him of being a trafficker in opium. The detective was a Chinese watchman.

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URBAN COUNCIL MEETS

Applications For Licences Refused

Business of a routine nature that did not take long to dispose of, occupied the attention of the Urban Council which met at the Post Office Building yesterday, presided over by Mr. W. J. Carrie, Head of the Sanitary Department. There was a full complement of official members but the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. Wong Kwong Tin were absent from the unofficial ranks.

Those present at the meeting were:

Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman; Mr. Dr. A. R. Wellington, C.M.G., Vice-Chairman; Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, D.P.W.; Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, S.C.A.; Hon. Mr. T. H. King, I.G.P.; Mr. F. C. Hall; Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto; Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy; Dr. Li Shau Fan; Mr. A. J. Arculli; Dr. Chan Sek-min; Mr. C. J. Roe, Secretary; Mr. Im Ping-teening, Asst. Secretary.

A letter from the Government relative to the appointment of Dr. Li Shau Fan and Mr. A. J. Arculli to be two of the additional members of the Urban Council was laid on the table, after which the Chairman read a minute relative to the proposed declaration of certain diseases considered infectious or contagious.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

Two applications for eating house licences at No. 80, Wing Lok Street, ground floor and Nos. 57 to 59, Nathan Road, Kowloon were unanimously refused by the Council on the recommendation of the select committee, the premises in question being unfit.

With regard to an application for a food factory licence for meat preserving at No. 14, Eastern Street, third floor, it was stated by the Chairman that the Select Committee were undecided as to their policy, since two members had voted against granting the application, while one voted in favour.

He would suggest that the Council defer the matter for a fortnight, and pay a visit to the place in order to see it for themselves. He understood that the premises is a four storey building. After discussion it was agreed that a visit be paid on Thursday at noon.

FARES TO BE FIXED

No More Cut-Throat Rate For Steamers and Train

A new scale of fares for travelling by rail to Canton is announced by the Kowloon Canton Railway, which shall come into operation on February 7, and shall be in force until April 30, this year both dates inclusive.

Second class fare to Canton is now \$2, 3rd class \$1, while the fare from Canton is 2nd class \$2.80, 3rd class \$1.40.

Similarly, fare reductions are announced in the river steamers plying between the Colony and Canton, upper deck rates varying from \$1.40 to eighty cents on different ships, while lower deck rates are from seventy cents to forty cents from Canton to the upper deck rates vary from \$1.30 to \$1, and lower deck rates from ninety cents to fifty cents.

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MR. WALKER TALKS ON CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY

Interesting Address
At Rotary ClubHistory Of Railway Traced
From The Beginning

An interesting address was given at the Rotary Club yesterday afternoon by Rotarian R. D. Walker on "The Canton-Hankow Railway." The talk was illustrated by the aid of a map which was hung behind the speaker and which was referred to during the lecture.

In introducing the speaker Professor L. Forster said that the last meeting had been postponed as a mark of respect to the late King. He expressed the feeling that he was sure that the company would like to show their respect by standing for a minute in silence.

After the minute's silence had been observed Professor Forster without preliminary speech called upon Mr. Walker to address the gathering.

Addressing the gathering the speaker said:—

Mr. President, Gentlemen,—Immediately after my return from a tour of inspection of the Canton-Hankow Railway made two months ago, I was asked by Professor Forster to give a Rotary talk on that Railway. At the time I was not at all sure why he wished me to give this talk, but the mystery was explained when I received a letter from him stating that he proposed to visit Hankow with 30 or 40 others next Easter. Naturally he wanted first-hand information.

An after-lunch talk on an uncompleted Railway always presents certain difficulties. The rules of brevity demand ruthless pruning. One does not know what to leave out and what to include, so that if this talk appears disjointed, I trust you will bear with me. An attempt will be made to trace the history of the line and to present certain features of its construction and its possibilities.

The Canton-Hankow Railway, which is still in course of construction and is estimated to cost \$175,000,000 Chinese currency, is 681 miles long and runs almost due north through the provinces of Kwangtung, Hunan and Hupoh. It consists of three sections, each under a separate Administration. The southern section extends from Wongshe to Lok Chong, a distance of 169 miles, and includes the 30 miles branch line from Canton to Sam Shui. The northern section comprises 280 miles of main line from Wuchang to Chuchow, and the 56 miles coal carrying branch line from Chuchow to Pinghsiang. Both these sections are in need of rehabilitation, particularly the northern. The construction section extends from Lok Chong to Chuchow, a distance of 252 miles.

TWO MOST IMPORTANT

The Canton-Hankow Line is regarded by the Ministry of Railways as one of the two most important trunk lines in China, the other being the Lung-Hai Railway which runs almost due west from Hanchow a modernised port on the east coast to Sian, the ancient capital of the empire and to-day the capital of the province of Shensi. The importance to China of the former line cannot be overestimated; its economic value is immense, and its completion will forge a very important link in her unification. Connection with the Peiping-Hankow Railway, which is at present the most important trunk line traversing China longitudinally, will be effected by means of a train ferry over the Yangtze River. This river is 4,250 feet wide at its narrowest point near Hankow or about four-fifths the distance between the two Star Ferry piers.

The history of the Canton-Hankow Railway has been one long chapter of postponement caused by financial and political struggling. The construction of a trunk line connecting Hankow, or rather Wuchang, immediately opposite Hankow, on the south bank of the Yangtze, with Canton, was first advocated by Sir Macdonald Stephenson some seventy years ago. In every subsequent scheme for a comprehensive system of railways in China, such a line has occupied a prominent position.

In the year 1898, a concession to construct the line was granted to the American-China Development Company. About this time the Spanish-American War broke out and the American Company did nothing to put the work in hand until peace was declared in the following autumn. A survey party headed by Mr. William Barclay Parsons was then sent to China. The survey party found that the original estimated cost of \$2,000,000, or \$100,000 per mile, had been under-estimated

to the extent of nearly 100 per cent.—The Development Company, therefore, found it necessary to secure a modification of certain terms in the contract.

A RESTRICTION

A supplementary agreement was reached early in 1900 and ratified by the Chinese Government. A restriction on assignment was embodied in this Agreement by the Viceroy Chang Chih Tung who wished to impose a check on Franco-Belgian aims. French and Belgian interests had been strenuously engaged for years in an endeavour to secure the construction rights of this line. When they found out that they had been checkmated by the American group, they decided to transfer their sphere of activity to New York and to secure a controlling interest in the Development Company by acquiring shares. In the language of the Shanghai correspondent of "The Times," they changed their method of attack from "the frontal political to the flanking movement financial."

In 1902 the extension from Canton to Samshui via Fatsan was commenced and a second survey by American engineers over the main line was put in hand. The Canton-Samshui line was completed and opened to traffic in September 1904.

During this year the Belgians began to show their hands. China refused to recognise the Belgian control of the Company and largely through the efforts of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the Americans succeeded in regaining control. A period of inactivity followed which brought an outcry of protest from the Chinese people who demanded cancellation of the concession. The Chinese Government after negotiations with the Company decided to cancel the contract by paying the American group \$8,750,000 gold. This sum included \$7,750,000 for the loss of valuable rights and \$1,000,000 for work done. The redemption of the contract was rendered possible by a loan of \$1,100,000 from the Hong Kong Government known as the Wuchang loan which was granted in 1906.

THE INTENTION

It was the intention, after the American-China Development Company had been persuaded to retire from the field, to construct the railway as a Government undertaking. The merchants of Canton were opposed to this, however, and a joint stock company was formed known as the Yueh-Hai Railway Company. This company completed in 1915 the 138 miles section from Canton north to Shaohow.

Construction work from Wuchang south had also been put in hand. In 1911 the "Hukwang Railway Loan Agreement" was negotiated with Great Britain, France, Germany, and the United States, the British portion of which was to be used for the construction of the section from Wuchang to the southern boundary of Hunan. Work which was started in 1912 was retarded by the great war and the 228 miles section between Wuchang and Changsha was opened to traffic in 1917. The 31 miles section from Changsha south to Chuchow had been in the meantime completed to enable coal to be transported from the Pinghsiang branch line which had been opened to traffic in 1904.

The construction of the middle portion of the line from Chuchow to Shaohow, a distance of 284 miles, was left in a state of suspension for nearly 13 years, and it was only in 1925 that the Ministry of Railways, then a newly established Department of the Chinese National Government, decided to resume the work with the help of appropriations from the Belgian

Boxer Indemnity Fund and from the revenue of the Southern Section of the line.

SCARCITY OF FUNDS

About nine years later, funds became scarce and work was retarded until, by the summer of 1932, a state of suspension was reached again. Negotiations between the Ministry of Railways and the Sino-British Boxer Fund Board led to an advance being made in October 1932 which enabled the Shaohow-Lok Chong section of 31 miles to be completed and handed over to the Southern Section Administration.

A loan agreement was completed in July 1933 between the two negotiating parties, mentioned above, by which the Ministry of Railways was granted the sum of \$1,600,000 for purchasing materials abroad and about \$30,000,000 Chinese currency for labour and local material required for the completion of the line. These grants enabled work to be pushed on at a rapid pace and it is tolerably certain that the line will be opened to traffic this year.

The Construction Section for Lok Chong to Chuchow is 252 miles in length with Administrative Headquarters at Hengchow on the Siang River. Hengchow, which is 338 miles from Wongshe, is situated midway between the two terminals Wuchang and Canton. The mileage of track laid is 158 and there is still 94 miles to go. Most of the earthwork, all the major tunnels, and the main bridges and culverts have been completed. All that remains of a major nature is to complete three steel bridges over the Lo Ho, the Mi Ho, and the Lei Ho, between Chuchow and Hengchow, and five reinforced concrete arch bridges between Ping Shek and Ko Ting.

REDUCTION IN EMPLOYMENT

At one time 100,000 men were employed on the undertaking, but this has now been reduced to 30,000 owing to the slowing up necessitated by the rapid progress and the desirability of completing all engineering works at approximately the same time. It is anticipated that the whole line will be completed next July, that is this July, and that after completion Construction trains will continue to run for a few months in the dual capacity of servicing both engineering and traffic operations. This is the method which has been adopted throughout the whole of construction and it has proved highly successful. Trains are not booked but run at times to suit the work. The 32-mile section between Lok Chong and Ping Shek, which was opened to this sort of operation in September last year, is now earning about \$500 per day.

The whole of the construction work has been performed by an all-Chinese Staff and they are particularly proud of this. I must say that they have every reason to be pleased, as the work is particularly well organised and executed.

The section from Lok Chong to Chuchow—over the Provincial divide is the most difficult of the whole system, involving, as it does, heavy rock cutting, tunnelling, and the construction of high bridges and large retaining walls. The original location of this section as planned by the American Engineers of the old Yueh-Hai Railway called for 84 tunnels. The new location, based on the studies of Messrs. Y.C. Lee and F.S. Lin, now both District Engineers, Construction, places about 24 miles of the line on the Kwangtung side along the east bank of the upper course of the North River. This has reduced the number of tunnels to 14 at the expense of an increase in protective work. The scenery from Lok Chong to Ping Shek (a distance of 32 miles) where the river passes through gorges is extremely beautiful.

THE RUN

The line runs through good quality dark coloured limestone and treacherous shale in the gorge section, and I fear that there may be considerable dislocation to traffic in times of heavy rainfall due to the crinkly of slips in the shale banks and cuttings. The formation level has been placed 8 feet above maximum known river flood level. This is rather a small safety margin, and there is a probability that in years to come the line may be damaged considerably by inundation, necessitating very heavy repair work.

The location over the divide has enabled a satisfactory maximum grade of 1 in 100 without curve compensation to be obtained. This occurs for a length of 14 miles on both sides of the summit, which rises to a height of about 1,100 feet above sea level.

The Construction Administration with headquarters at Heng-

chow (mileage 338) is under the charge of a Director and Engineer-in-Chief, a General Secretary and a Chief Accountant. Transport offices are established in Canton and Wuchang and three store depots are maintained at Lok Chong, Hengchow and Chuchow.

The undertaking is divided into 6 main districts, each with a District Engineer and three to four Section Engineers. Each District is provided with a Doctor and a Police Officer with armed forces.

The work is carried out on the Departmental system with contractors on piece-work rates. Local contractors and labourers perform most of the earthwork, but the more involved work is carried out by northern and workmen from Shanghai.

A magazine is published monthly and distributed free to the staff. By this means all are kept informed of the progress and other relevant details connected with the work. The District Engineers informed me that the competitive spirit developed by this magazine has resulted in increased output and economy.

ORGANISED WORK

The work involved in organising the transportation of materials has been no mean task. The divide forms the watershed of the two main rivers, the Siang and the North, which flow north and south respectively. Materials transported by river must therefore move against the stream. Above Lok Chong the North River flows through deep gorges between mountain ranges, and there are only broken paths on the steep banks. The river is very shallow in winter and no less than 18 rapids occur in a distance of 25 miles. On the north side of the divide, the mountain ranges are scattered and any water courses are of an inferior nature.

Less than one-third the material is landed in Canton and transported by rail to Lok Chong, the southern base. The rest is landed at Wuchang and sent by rail to Chuchow, the northern base. Owing to the fact that the two terminal sections of the railway

are short of rolling stock, work has been impeded. All material from Chuchow to Hengchow, the central base, is transported by junk up the Siang River.

There is plenty of good limestone between Lok Chong and Ping Shek, but gravel ballast has to be used at present in the vicinity of Hengchow.

There is a good highway paralleling the railway from Hengchow to Chuchow and continuing to Ping Shek. Eight Chevrolet 3-ton trucks are maintained and operated by the Construction Administration along this highway for the transportation of cement and other urgently needed materials. As motor transportation is very expensive for bulky and heavy material, small junks are used up the Lei River to as far as Chenchow. These junks take, under most favourable conditions, at least 20 days to arrive from Hengchow. At one time the Construction Administration owned over 300 of these junks.

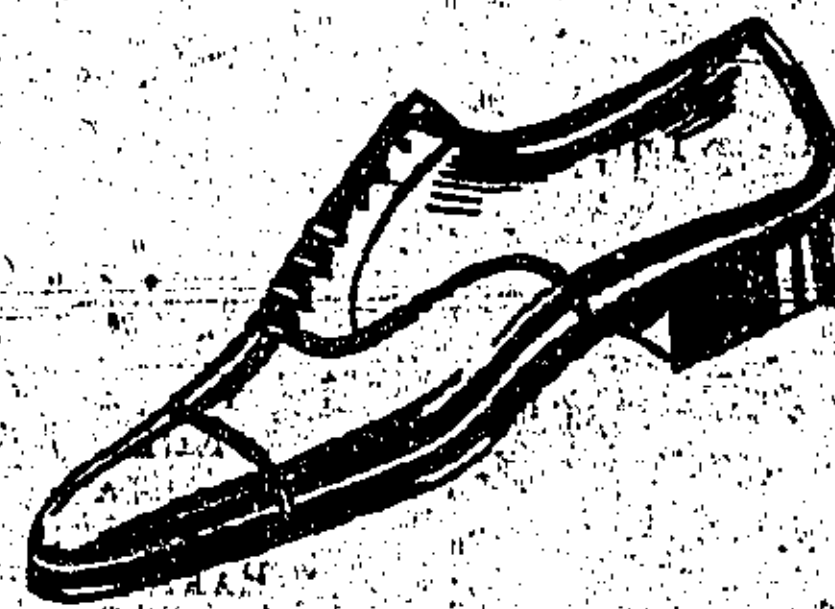
LAND PROVISION

Ample land provision has been made at Stations for future development. Hengchow Station and yard, as befits its important position half way between the terminal stations, has been designed on imposing lines. This has presented no difficulty as the city lies on the other side of the river. The station building, which is a reinforced concrete structure of two stories, has a basement and a roof garden, 12-18 feet in length by 57 feet in width. There are 18 staff bungalows at present occupied by the senior construction staff which are intended to house the future operative staff. These bungalows have been laid out on "model village" plan and have modern sanitation. Fire-places are provided in each room. The whole station is lit with electric light from plant owned by the Railway. The high-voltage platform is 300 metres long and there are to be "locomotive" and "carriage" sheds and the necessary workshops.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on THURSDAY, the 12th day of March, 1936, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1935, and electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 2nd March to the 12th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1936.

Order of the Board,
W. L. McKENZIE,
Secretary.
14, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong. [4185]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 18th February, 1936, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 8th February to TUESDAY, 18th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 31st January, 1936. [4183]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 22nd February, 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 10th February to Saturday, the 22nd February, 1936, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936. [4174]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of February, 1936, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 18th to THURSDAY, the 27th February, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

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THE New Term will Commence on Monday, February 10th.

New Boys Tests will be held on Saturday, February, 8th at 9 a.m.

There will be a revised scale of Fees:-

CLASSES 1-4	\$42 per quarter
CLASS 5	38
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7	24
8	18

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L. L. NASH, M.A.
Acting Headmaster.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN PERCIVAL WARREN, FORMERLY OF KORE IN JAPAN, BUT LATE OF YORK HOTEL, BARRAS STREET IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1936.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 31st day of January, 1936.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Administrators.
Hongkong & Shanghai
Building,
Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong. [4184]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF WALTER NEDHAM SCOTT, LATE OF 1, VILLA GRAY-MATTITA, VICO, ROMA, ITALY, FORMERLY OF 563, BARTOLOMEI STREET, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 26th FEBRUARY, 1936.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executor,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong. [4186]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES HEYWOOD HORSEBURGH, LATE OF FAIRLAKE, HALWELL DITCH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKS, IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, CLERK IN HOLY ORDERS, DECEASED.

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DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executors,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong. [4188]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 12th February, 1936, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 3rd February 1936 to Wednesday, the 12th February, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1936. [4185]

LOCAL MAPS

Peak District,
Kowloon,
Victoria,
New Territories.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1935

During the past year probably two of the most outstanding events, in the Far East, in relation to Commerce and Industry are the currency measures enacted by the National Government of Nanking—and the Hong Kong Government so far as this Colony is concerned—and the so-called "Autonomy" movement in North China, reputed to be due to the "spontaneous desire" of the Chinese in the North to control their own affairs.

It is too early to accurately predict what the final results of either event will be, but while the effort of the Nanking Government to stabilise its currency must meet with the approval of all commercial interests and, unless interfered with from outside influences should, produce—and is already producing—beneficial results to both trade and commerce in China, in the form of increased exports.

The so-called "Autonomy" movement in the North is, on the other hand detrimental to the interests of China, and it is a significant fact that while the rest of China welcomed the currency measures, certain quarters in the North opposed them. Also after the declaration of the Autonomous Government, the smuggling of silver and other goods was much better controlled than one would be led to expect during such a revolutionary movement.

The "Autonomy" has now been restricted, but the menace still remains and the reputed "Spontaneous" desire of the people of the North has found no support even from the students. The latter have expressed themselves forcefully, but with their over-enthusiasm have carried their disapproval too far. That the protests were justified we do not doubt for a second, but after that they would have rendered better service to their Country had they maintained discipline and obeyed the orders of their Government.

The final results of these two outstanding events of 1935 cannot yet be seen, the problem is complex, but unfortunately it is this uncertainty, that, may largely affect business in 1936.

MOTOR ACCIDENT

Car Badly Damaged

Although the car turned completely over, the driver, and a passenger were fortunate enough to get away with nothing more than superficial bruises, according to a report of a motor accident that was received by the police yesterday. The driver in question was Mr. A. V. Starkevsky, of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, Stubbs Road, while Mr. Mitchell was the passenger.

It appears that the car was being driven along Island Road from Shaukiwan District in the direction of Repulse Bay, at mid-night on February 3 and when near Shek-O Road, the nearest left rear wheel of the vehicle fell into an opening in the road turning the car completely over.

A report of the accident was made to the Shaukiwan police station. The car which belonged to Mr. A. G. Plovannell, manager of the Hong Kong Hotel, was extensively damaged.

SCHOOLING PROBLEM IN GERMANY

Munich, Feb. 3.

Parents will have to decide to what schools they will send their children this year. They either have to attend the State schools or the denominational schools run by Catholics and other religious bodies.

The young last year was 19,000 for Nazi schools and 36,000 against, but this year the votes are expected to be reversed.

Nazi propaganda says that children attending the State schools have better prospects of obtaining employment when their education is completed.

MEETING OF V.D.M.A.

St. Andrew's Branch

The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's branch of the V.D.M.A. was held last evening at the Church Hall. The Rev. J. R. Higgins presided.

In reviewing the activities for the year, Miss Armstrong, the Hon. Secretary, said that satisfactory progress had been maintained. The branch continued to take an interest in relief work in up-country, and in addition to other aid given to villagers, were responsible in forwarding a number of mosquito nets for use in malarial infested districts. Acting on the suggestion made by the branch, the central body of the V.D.M.A. organised a meeting to be held at Cheung Chau. The function proved both enjoyable and useful.

The Hon. Secretary also said that it was gratifying to report on the success that attended the function organised to welcome the Bishop of Victoria. The attendance had exceeded all expectations. During the year, whilst mah jong drives and other social functions were organised, and all these enjoyed good attendances. Funds obtained at these meetings were put to good use.

The report and accounts were unanimously passed.

Previous to the election of officers, the Chairman thanked Miss Armstrong for the invaluable work rendered by her as Hon. Secretary, which position she was relinquishing, as she was soon leaving for home.

Hon. Secretary: Miss J. Smith. Committee: Mrs. Jefferys, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Nash, Miss Barker, Mr. O. B. Raven and the Rev. J. R. Higgins.

Plans for the future working of the organisation were also discussed.

THE LATE DR. DAVID YUI

Memorial Service At St. Paul's Church

Many friends of the late Dr. David Z. T. Yui were present at St. Paul's Church, Glenaele, yesterday afternoon, when a memorial service for the deceased was held. Rev. Lee Kau Yan and the Rev. Wong Oi Tong officiated, the service being conducted in Chinese.

Mr. David Au, an intimate friend of the late Dr. Yui, eulogised the invaluable work rendered by the deceased in the cause of his religion and country. Dr. Yui's excellent social work was particularly emphasized by the speaker. The deceased, he said, believed in working towards international peace, and all his efforts were directed towards this goal, whether he worked in his capacity as representative of the Church or his country. Tributes to the deceased were also paid by Rev. Lee Kau Yan.

JAPANESE ADMIRAL IN CANTON

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Canton, Feb. 4.

Vice-Admiral K. Okawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Third Japanese Squadron, arrived here this afternoon, aboard the gunboat Saka from Hong Kong. The Japanese Consulate General in the Shamshu to-day planned a series of official calls by the visiting admiral to high Chinese officials.

Mr. Tatsuo Kawa, Japanese consul general, will give a reception in honour of Admiral Okawa at his consulate on Thursday, February 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at which members of the consular body, Chinese officials and foreign correspondents are invited to attend.

An arrangement for Admiral Okawa to interview Mr. Hu Han-min, President of the Kuomintang C.E.C. Standing Committee, on February 5 is unfounded. It is learned that the Japanese diplomatic officials in Europe had kept track of Mr. Hu's movement, but so far the Chinese leader declined to receive foreign diplomats or newspaper men.

WANG CHING-WEI'S HEALTH

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

The anxiety felt by Chinese and foreign friends concerning the health of Mr. Wang Ching-wei since the attempt was made on his life in Nanking last year has again been heightened. Chinese reports say that Mr. Wang is now suffering from stomach or influenza. His doctors are reported to be anxious.

One case of Diphtheria and one case of Enteric Fever were reported.

NOTABLE WEDDING AT CHINESE EMBASSY
Bride Educated In Paris

London, Feb. 4.

A notable wedding took place to-day in the Chinese Embassy. Mr. Quo Tai-chi officiating when Miss Liane, daughter of Mrs. Yen of Shanghai was married to Mr. N. L. Lieu, son of the manager of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, who was called to the bar of the Inner Temple in December.

Mrs. Yen was formerly Countess Kan, grand-daughter of Cui Tjie Sen, one of the Wong Princes during the Taiping rebellion. He subsequently fled to Java and made a fortune in a sugar plantation.

The bride wore a white satin gown in Chinese style embroidered with silver and a long train made of Scotch-tulle-veil, and she carried a sheaf of lilies.

The bridesmaids were Patricia, daughter of Dr. Wellington Koo and Miss Hala, daughter of the former Chinese Minister to Brazil. The bride recently came from school in Paris. She speaks French and English perfectly.

It was a very quiet ceremony.—
Reuter.

WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC

Prizes Awarded For High Scores

The Hong Kong tournament of the World Bridge Olympic was held last night at the American Club whose premises were kindly offered for the evening.

Play started at 8 p.m. with pairs. In addition to the play against pairs, the results of which will not be known here until April, special local prizes for high scores were awarded to:-

North—Horace Lo.
South—M. H. Lo.
East—C. C. Black.
West—Col. H. M. Fordham.

Second highest:-
North—Mrs. A. Marsh.
South—Mrs. W. T. Stanton.
East—Mrs. F. Crapnell.

West—Capt. George Anderson. The suggested bidding and play of several of the more interesting hands will be published later in the week.

CHINA'S AMBASSADORS

Nanking, Feb. 4.

The Executive Yuan has approved the appointment of Mr. Hsu Shih-ying as Chinese Ambassador to Japan and the promotion of Dr. Wellington Koo as Ambassador to Paris. Confirmation by the Central Political Council is a foregone conclusion.—
Reuter.

SCHOOL FOR GLIDERS

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Essex, Feb. 3.

The first Reichs Pilot School for glidermen was officially opened at the Barkenberge in Westphalia by the Reichsairportleader, Colonel Mahnke.—
Transocean News Service.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL HAWKE

London, Feb. 3.

The death has taken place of Admiral the Hon. Stanhope Hawke, son of the sixth and brother and heir-presumptive to the seventh Baron Hawke.

Admiral Hawke, who was born in 1863, joined the Navy in 1876 and retired with the rank of Rear-Admiral in 1917. He became Admiral, retired, in 1928.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Entertainments Committee of the S. & S. Home have been extremely fortunate, through the kindness of Capt. Holland, Marine Superintendent of the C.P.O.S. Co., in obtaining the services of the famous dance band of the "Empire of Canada" for the next popular monthly dance in the Assembly Hall of the S. & S. on Wednesday, 7th inst. at 8.30 p.m. These dances are especially arranged for the Services to whom the charge of admission is \$1 (including refreshments). Ladies by invitation only.

Our readers are reminded of the performances taking place to-day in the Star Theatre, Kowloon, in aid of the Street Sleepers Shelter Society's activities. It is hoped that this effort to assist a very worthy charitable work will meet with the full measure of success which it deserves.

Under the patronage of the Portuguese Consul General there will be a Portuguese Show on Saturday, the 8th inst. at 3 p.m. at the Club de Recreio. All are welcome. The Committee of the "Café Esportivo" will gratefully receive any contribution on admission to this Show towards the education of poor boys who are under the care of this institution.

We have received a very attractive folder from the Hong Kong Travel Association on the front of which has the following "Hong Kong, The Riviera of the Orient" for the Islands, "Hong Kong Calls you to the East." It contains pictures of various interesting parts of the Colony including the harbor and Peak, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Co.'s Hotels, Gloucester Hotel, and several very attractive scenes of the Island. Also pictures of the various sports played here, including Tennis, Yachting, Rowing, Golf, etc.

According to official statistics released by the Kiangsu Provincial Government, it is revealed that 72,000 drug addicts in the province were "cured" during last year. For the month of December alone about 3,000 persons were cured.

The South-west Aviation Corporation, beginning in February, will operate a regular passenger service between Canton and Nanchang. This will be the first air-line between the two cities.

The second term of the Railway Construction Bonds amounting to \$27,000,000, will be issued by the Nanking authorities. As they have been pledged as security for a loan to be used for the construction of the Nanchang-Pingdingshan section of the Chekiang-Kiang Railway, the bonds will not be placed on the market.

Gramophone and records imported into China during 1935 were valued at \$380,000, according to statistics made public by Japan headed the list with America a close second according to the Chinese Press.

NEWS SUMMARY

New scale of rates with regard to second and third class travel by rail to Canton and back are announced. Steamship companies plying river vessels to Canton have also issued new rates. These new fares are operative on February 7 until April 30, both dates inclusive. Page 11.

The case against three Chinese males and two females, charged with possession of heroin pills and with conspiracy to manufacture pills, was adjourned until February 8, when it is expected the Bench will give its verdict, following a protracted trial that lasted some three months. Page 6.

The Urban Council met yesterday at the Post Office, in its fortnightly meeting, presided over by Mr. W. J. Carrie, Head of the Sanitary Department. Two unofficial members were absent. Page 6.

The work of the Salvation Army was reviewed at its annual meeting held yesterday at its home when Lady Southern was also present. Page 11.

Mr. A. V. Starkevsky, of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, Stubbs Road, was involved in a motor accident at midnight on February 3. Mr. Mitchell was a passenger in the car but fortunately both driver and passenger escaped injury. Page 5.

Practically all the members of the legal profession of the Colony assembled at the Supreme Court yesterday to pay respects to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Lardner Denny, the well-known solicitor, who passed away last Saturday. Page 5.

Sharp rises in commodity prices are reported as the result of approval by the Executive Yuan of the new bond issue. Cotton gained an average of 70 cents, cotton yarns gained an average of \$2, while a flour rise also registered upward trends.

Meanwhile no date has yet been fixed for the opening of the China merchants exchange centre of bond transaction in Shanghai. A rumour is current that it would not be allowed to reopen until the conversion of the existing bond is completed.

The Chinese Bankers' Association and Native Bankers' Association are holding a joint meeting to-morrow to discuss measures for reduction of interest rate by the banks as ordered by the Ministry of Finance.—
Reuter.

DUTCH BANK RATE REDUCTION

London Feb. 3.

To-day reduction of the Netherlands Bank rate to two and a half per cent. brings it to the level at which it stood last April prior to the currency crisis in the Gold Bloc countries. Since the end of September, when the rate stood as high as six per cent, the situation has improved steadily and with one minor set-back the bank has regained over 133,000,000 guilders of the 137,000,000 guilders lost during the previous six months.

Nevertheless, despite the improvement of the monetary situation, Holland still remains embarrassed by an unfavourable budget and faces an adverse trade position, which many in high circles believe will eventually force the country to abandon its keen adherence to the gold standard.

On the other hand, the pro-Gold Bloc people of Holland point to the slight signs of recovery in the Gold Bloc countries, which is principally due to the narrowing down of the gap in prices between currencies of Gold Bloc countries and countries which devalued.—
Reuter.

The following is the return of notifiable diseases which occurred in the Colony during the week ended on February 1: Diphtheria 14 cases, six deaths, and one imported; Enteric Fever, five cases, three deaths, one imported; Cerebro-spinal Fever, four cases, three deaths; Tuberculosis 62 deaths.

A dinner dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow at 8.30 p.m.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.C., M.B., B.S. London D.T.M. & H. (Eng.) J.F. will commence a series of First Aid Lectures for women on Friday, February 14 at 5.15 p.m. at St. John Ambulance Headquarters. The lectures are free and are open to the public. There has been a request for lectures for men and if sufficient numbers are forthcoming a class will be formed. Those wishing to join either class please communicate by phone to 26236 or by writing to the Hon. Sec. St. John Ambulance Headquarters.

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HIGHLY IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS AT FRENCH CAPITAL

King Carol Confers With General Gamelin

Bulgaria To Remain Loyal To The League

Paris, February 4. The diplomatic discussions follow one another here with such kaleidoscopic rapidity that the press is hardly able to keep track of them. One learns somewhat belatedly that apart from the interviews already recorded there were some less conspicuous but equally significant ones in the background.

Thus King Carol of Rumania and the Rumanian Air Minister are reported to have conferred at length with the Chief of the French General Staff, General Gamelin, while Flandin had a long talk with the British Ambassador and presumably informed the latter of the results of the diplomatic talks going on here.

King Boris of Bulgaria is stated to have informed Flandin in course of their conversation on Monday that Bulgaria will remain loyal to the League of Nations, especially since she is under a debt of gratitude to the latter for assistance rendered on various occasions. This assurance is doubtless interesting in view of the close family ties between the Royal Houses of Italy and Bulgaria, the Queen of Bulgaria being a daughter of the King of Italy.

The French press also attributes much importance to the conversation between Flandin and the Turkish Foreign Minister Rushdi Aras, which is said to have been concerned not only with the situation in the Balkans but also with the Abyssinian conflict as well as with the organisation of collective security in Central and Eastern Europe.

President Lebrun and the entire French Cabinet will be guests of King Carol at a luncheon in the Rumanian Legation in Paris. The scope of the conversations will be further extended on Tuesday by Flandin vice-Chancellor, Prince von Starheimberg, as well as with Prince Regent Paul of Yugoslavia.

The significance of these con-

versations is also emphasised by the announcement that the Czechoslovakian Premier, Hodzas, is due to arrive in Paris next week.—*Transocean News Service*

PRESS COMMENT

Paris, Feb. 4.

In commenting on the diplomatic parleys of Monday, the Paris papers call that "day of collective security," since apparently all discussions had collectivism as their guiding principles.

The increasingly important role of Soviet Russia as "guarantor of European order" in the French political calculations becomes evident from the comments of the papers, whose views concerning the real reasons for this trend, however, appear to be greatly divided.—*Transocean News Service*

SUPREME COMMITTEE OF DEFENCE

Mussolini Presides At Meeting

Rome, Feb. 4. Signor Mussolini presided at a meeting of the Supreme Committee of Defence which was formed last December. This Committee not only consists of leaders of the fighting forces but also the Ministers of Justice, Finance and Education.

The Fascist Grand Council will meet on Saturday and among the matters for discussion will be the application of oil sanctions by the League.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*

GRAVE WARNING BY ITALIAN PRESS

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Rome, Feb. 3. In a leading article, believed to have been inspired by the highest source, the semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" reviews the present political situation in Europe in an extraordinarily serious tone, declaring that disorder and increasing chaos is approaching.

The reassembly of the oil embargo Committee in Geneva shows that the sanctionist policy has brought Europe to the verge of the abyss.

Here begins the first step of a blockade based on military measures, necessitating military counter-measures.—*Transocean News Service*

QUESTION OF TRIAL BY PEERS

House Of Lords Opinion To Be Tested

London, Feb. 4. The opinion of the House of Lords will be tested to-day on the question which was much discussed during the recent trial of Lord de Clifford, who was unanimously found not guilty on charge of manslaughter heard in accordance with the ancient privilege before the House of Lords.

Viscount Sankey, former Lord Chancellor, will move that the system of trial of Peers by Peers has outlived its usefulness.—*British Wireless*

SOVIET RUSSIA AND DANUBIAN PACT

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Rome, Feb. 4. Italian official circles consider it highly improbable that Soviet Russia is destined to take Italy's position in the Danubian Basin, as seems to be expected by some capitals in view of the recent visit of the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Schuschnigg to Prague.

An economic agreement in the Danubian Basin without Italy's participation is here considered as completely impossible, and the Paris correspondent of the "Giornale d'Italia" states that French official circles are quite of the same opinion.—*Transocean News Service*

MUSSOLINI'S VIEWS

Rome, Feb. 4.

Signor Mussolini, discussing Britain's objection to Italy's invasion of Abyssinia in an interview with two French press representatives, said: "What can you expect from a nervous race?" On the other hand he stated that Hailé Selassie whom he met in Rome previously seems to him to be a man of intelligence and peace.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*

SLEEPING CHILDREN KILLED

Lightning Tragedy

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Paris, Feb. 4. Four persons were killed by lightning at a suburb of the fashionable seaside resort of Biarritz under most extraordinary circumstances.

During a thunderstorm a high tension overhead transmission cable was dislocated, striking in its fall the electric light circuit of a house, where a family of twelve lived. The current passed through an iron bedstead, where four children were asleep, who were killed instantaneously.

The father, who rushed to the rescue of the children, was also killed, while the mother suffered grave injuries.—*Transocean News Service*

MEAT FAMINE PROSPECT

Smithfield Market Strike

London, Feb. 4.

A meat famine is threatened owing to the strike of shopmen at Smithfield market for uniform wage conditions.

A meeting of thousands of workers at the market held at midnight unanimously decided to continue the strike despite a recommendation by Mr. Ernest Bevin to return to work pending negotiations.

Loud shouts of "no" greeted the statement of two officials of the Transport Workers Union that the employers are not prepared to discuss wages until work was resumed.

The officials read a document by the Executive Union declaring that the dispute is unofficial and they are bound by the existing agreement.—*Reuter*

NO DISORDER

London, Feb. 4.

The strike which began at midnight on Sunday at the central meat market at Smithfield still continues. It is estimated that 10,000 men are involved.

A number of meetings were held yesterday, the negotiations having been brought about at request of Ministry of Labour.

Three Unions are concerned in the strike which is being conducted without disorder.—*British Wireless*

SILVER MARKET

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Feb. 4.

London silver prices were down 1/16 for "Spot" and unquoted for "Forward," as follows: Feb. 4 Spot.....18-13/16 19-3/4 Forward.....unquoted unquoted Silver "Forward" dealings will recommence to-morrow.

SITUATION IN EUROPE

Important Talks In Paris

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Paris, Feb. 3.

The diplomatic conversations which were going on here, were continued on Monday, when Flandin received the Turkish Foreign Minister Rushdi Aras, who was accompanied by the Turkish Minister to Paris, Suad.

The "Paris Solr" declares, that Rushdi Aras declared himself an ardent supporter of collective security, and an advocate of the application of Article 16 of the League Covenant.

Immediately after this conversation, Flandin and Sarraut attended a lunch in the Rumanian Legation given by King Carol, in the course of which the King announced that he had a conversation with Prince von Starheimberg, who in order to put an end once and for all to the current rumors, said that the restoration of the Hapsburg Monarchy was not a present-day problem in Austria, and that Schuschnigg, who had not recently been in Prague, had not the remotest intention of plunging Europe into new difficulties.

King Boris of Bulgaria was received in the Palais des Champs Elysees by M. Lebrun and afterwards had conversations with Sarraut and Flandin.

The Paris evening papers say that under the influence of King Boris, Bulgaria, which had hitherto not been a supporter of the French collective safety system, was slowly coming to the same view as the Little Entente.—*Transocean News Service*

QUEEN MARY RECEIVES DEPUTATION

London, Feb. 4.

Queen Mary received a deputation from the Lords and Commons which presented her an address of condolence, passed by both Houses recently.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*



General Gamelin, Chief of the French Army, took part in the important Paris discussions.

GHASTLY TRUNK MURDER

Peiping Station Discovery

Peiping, Feb. 4.

A ghastly trunk murder has been discovered by the station authorities.

Late last night workmen became aware of an unpleasant odour which apparently came from two trunks, in the baggage room. When they were opened it was found that they contained the dismembered body of a youth of about twenty-two years of age.

On the night of February 1 a Chinese male passenger, of about 33 years of age; well-dressed and well-spoken, attempted to take the trunks with him on the Mukden express. However, they were overweight and he was forced to leave them behind in the luggage room.

The first trunk opened was found to contain the severed head and torso of the youth. The other held the arms and legs.

The victim is believed to have been a student.—*Reuter*

WATERLOO BRIDGE DEMOLITION

London, Feb. 4.

Another stage has been reached in the demolition of Waterloo Bridge across the Thames, rendered necessary by subsidence of some of the piers supporting it.

The work of demolishing the Bridge began in June 1934, some 200 men being engaged. All the arches of the Bridge and the greater part of the stone work have now been removed and the task of demolishing each pier and clearing away its foundations is to begin.

Preparatory to this work the construction of the steel sheet pile and coffer dam has begun, inside which demolition will proceed.—*British Wireless*

ANOTHER SCENE IN LAW COURT

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Paris, Feb. 4.

The former Home Minister Flet, who is held by the extreme right wing to be responsible for the bloodshed on February 6, 1934, and who has often already been victim to assaults, was again attacked on Monday afternoon when entering the Palais de Justice.

Flet is a lawyer by profession, and he appeared in the Court to defend a client, when a party of right wing lawyers, in gowns and wigs, rushed up, made insulting remarks, and slapped Flet in the face.

The disturbances lasted half an hour, and police had to restore order.—*Transocean News Service*

RETIRING JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

Mr. Ariyoshi, retiring Japanese Ambassador, and his wife were guests of honor at a series of functions preparatory to departure for Japan on February 8, aboard the Chichibu Maru. The new Ambassador, Mr. Arita, is expected to arrive before the end of this month.—*Reuter*

MISUSE OF RED CROSS

Ammunition Found By Italians

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Rome, Feb. 4.

The report in the Italian war bulletin 108, where it was alleged that 20 cases of ammunition had been found in the Swedish Red Cross station captured by the Italians at Neghell, was discussed, when the Swedish Minister called on Secretary of State Surich in the Italian Foreign Office.

The "Giornale d'Italia," commenting on the matter remarks that the official Swedish record of the incident denies any responsibility on part of the Swedish doctors or nurses of the station.

Nevertheless, 27 cases of ammunition were found on the spot and photographed. Somebody must have used the Swedish Red Cross symbol to attempt to protect this war material. If this was not done by the Swedish, it must have been done by the Abyssinians. In any case, the capture furnishes the proof that on Abyssinian territory the protection of the Red Cross is abused. This gives the Italians the right to benefit from the doubts in cases where it had appeared that the Abyssinians misused the Red Cross symbol to protect war material.—*Transocean News Service*

MUSSOLINI CONFIDENT OF WINNING

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Paris, Feb. 3.

Mussolini granted the representative of the "Paris Solr" an interview, wherein he expressed himself highly confident of the development of the campaign in Africa, declaring positively that in the long run Abyssinia would not be victorious.

Even the nearness of the rainy period did not influence this optimistic outlook. Even if the rain lasted 4 hours daily, the rest of the day's sunshine would be sufficient. At all events, said the Duce, the rain will not hold up the Italian advance. Though the territory is difficult, the Italian Army would continue to move on slowly but inexorably.—*Transocean News Service*

FRENCH TRIBUTE AT GERMAN MEMORIAL

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Berlin, Feb. 4.

The deputation of French War Veterans, which is now visiting the capital of the Reich under the joint auspices of the German-French Committee of Berlin and the Comité Franco-Allemande in Paris laid a wreath at the memorial of the German Unknown Soldier here, with a ribbon in the colours of the French Tricolor.

Major Chappal, who was formerly A.D.C. to Marshal Foch headed the deputation, which was accompanied by the leader of the German War Victims Relief Association, Oberlander, as well as by the rector of the Berlin University.—*Transocean News Service*

CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO PARIS

Peking, Feb. 3.

The French Government has notified the Chinese Government of its acceptance of Mr. Wellington Koo as China's Ambassador to France.—*Reuter*

ITALIANS SURROUNDED AT MAKALE

Choice Between Surrender And Massacre

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Addis Ababa, February 4.

The latest reports from the great battle now raging on the north front show that the Italian positions are being attacked by forces of Ras Seyoum between Hausien and Adigrat. Although the battle had opened on Friday, the outcome still appears uncertain. It is stated that the Abyssinians are attacking on a rather wide front, and endeavouring to break the Italian lines of communication.

Messages from Dessie assert that the fall of Makale is imminent. The Italian garrison there is declared to be completely encircled. Other reports even claim that the source of the river which flows through Makale, and on which the Italians are dependent for their water supply, has been diverted by the Abyssinians, and that the Italians can now only choose between surrender and massacre.

A message from the south front states that a skirmish between Italian patrols and an Abyssinian outpost took place about 80 kilometers north of Neghell. The Abyssinian losses in this action were 40 dead, while the Italians lost 25 men.

Another report from the south front states that the Italians have concentrated considerable forces with numerous tanks and armoured cars southwest of Gindir in the Bale Province. The Abyssinians therefore expect that General Graziani will attempt to break through in a northerly direction towards Gindir, which is an important junction on the road to Addis Ababa.—*Transocean News Service*

COMPLETE QUIET

Addis Ababa, Feb. 3. Complete quiet prevails at both fronts, according to Abyssinian reports received here.

In the south and southwest, Abyssinians are making big scale regroupments. Almost 200,000 men are in constant movement, all weak front positions being strengthened. After almost three weeks the rain ceased yesterday, thus favouring the Abyssinian troop movements.—*Transocean News Service*

ROME REPORT

Rome, Feb. 3.

On the Somalifront the organisation of the occupied territory between the Gamale Doria and the Daus Parma Territories is progressing rapidly, is stated in the 113 official War bulletin.

The chiefs and armed forces of the Gala Borama are co-operating with the Italians against Abyssinian groups.—*Transocean News Service*

ITALIAN LOSSES

Rome, Feb. 3.

Sixteen Italian officers were killed, as well as 161 Blackshirts, and 143 Blackshirts wounded in the battle in the Tembien Territory, telegraphed General Diamanti, Commander of the North front Militia Division.—*Transocean News Service*

WAR MATERIAL

Rome, Feb. 3.

The transport of war material through the British port of Zella to Abyssinia, continues uninterrupted, states a press report from Jibuti Zella a few days ago, and further, caravans are starting daily.—*Transocean News Service*

BEGGAR THROWN INTO CREEK

British Police Tried For Murder

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

The trial opened at the British Supreme Court this morning of Sergeant Ernest William Peters, 31, and Probationary-Sergeant William Alfred Judd, 23, both British, and belonging to the International Settlement Police, on a charge of murder. A special jury was empanelled in Shanghai.

The charge arises out of an alleged struggle with a Chinese beggar. The police officers are said to have thrown the man into a creek, from which he was rescued later, but as a result of which he died of pneumonia.

At the preliminary hearing both accused pleaded not guilty. They made statements to the effect that they did not throw the beggar into the creek but lowered him into a beggar-boat.

The court room was packed at the opening of the trial.

Accused are defended by Mr. H. S. Reeks and Mr. Ronald MacDonald. Mr. Victor Priestwood prosecuting announced his intention to call twenty seven witnesses.—*Reuter*

HUGE ARMS SEIZURE IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Feb. 4.

What is claimed to be the largest arms seizure ever made by the port police followed the raid on the steamer City of Christchurch from Singapore when forty revolvers of Spanish manufacture and three thousand rounds of ammunition were seized.

Chinese members of the crew were arrested.—*Reuter*

OIL EMBARGO PROPOSAL

Thorough Study By Experts

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Geneva, Feb. 3.

The first session of the Committee of eighteen experts on the question of oil sanctions, met on Monday under the Chairmanship of the Mexican Minister to Paris, Gomez, who is known as an especially active advocate of the oil sanctions.

The following countries are represented: England, France, Iraq, Iran, Mexico, Norway, Holland, Peru, Rumania, Sweden, Soviet Russia, Venezuela. The Argentine is invited, but sent no delegate. Uruguay and Cuba notified their intention to send delegations, but none appeared. Venezuela has only deputed an observer.

The experts have to study the questions in the following order:

1. How much Mineral oil do Italy and her Colonies consume in normal times, and how much at present?
2. From what sources do Italy and the Colonies obtain their Mineral-oil, a) in normal times, b) in the last few months, c) the possibility of their procuring oil in a roundabout way, d) in which way do the various States participate in supplying Italy with Mineral oil.
3. The existing stocks of oil in Italy and the Colonies and the possibility of stoppage in Italy and elsewhere.
4. Transport resources.
5. The possibilities of replacing petroleum products by other materials.
6. The immediate causes, past and present, of the oil embargo.

MEETING OF ENGLISH ASSOCIATION

Professor Simpson Speaks
On "George Borrow"

The subject of the address at the meeting of the English Association which was held last night at the Helena May Institute was "George Borrow" and was delivered by Professor R. E. M. Simpson to a large and distinguished audience.

His Excellency the Governor took the chair and was supported by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Q.A.A. Macfadyen.

Among the many people gathered to hear Professor Simpson were: Sir Thomas Southern, Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Sir William Hornell, Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Rev. G. T. Byrne, S.J., Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Professor W. Brown, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. Macnamara, Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. North and Mrs. North.

Addressing the gathering before the opening of the speaker, His Excellency said that he had to thank all for the great honour that they had done him by asking him to preside over that meeting. "We are however, going to listen to a man who knows what he is talking about."

At the conclusion of his address the speaker was greeted with loud applause.

Discussion then followed, and Mr. H. C. Macnamara said that, though he very much appreciated the lecture, he hoped that the Association would in the future give addresses on living authors. The methods of the Association in the past resembled that of the poetic expression of the lobster that "it is untouched till it is dead." "I" one looked at the authors who had been discussed by the Association one would tend to gather that there were no living English authors. Another point was that the Association had confined itself exclusively to dead English authors to the exclusion of American or foreign authors.

Referring to the lecture, Mr. Macnamara said he was interested in Borrow because in him there were two other authors which the lecture did not mention. It seemed to him that the three of them had something in common in that they chiefly wrote about themselves. The other two authors were Cobbett and Belloc.

Professor W. Brown said that if the suggestion made by Mr. Macnamara about addresses on living authors were to be taken up by the Association, he would like to propose that a lecture should be given on Professor Sturges.

GOVERNOR'S THANKS

In thanking the Professor for his lecture, His Excellency said that Borrow was one of the authors whom he, in his younger days, had been told that he must read and consequently though he had been presented with two books by this author he had not as yet read both of them.

He was glad to know, he continued, that many of his (Borrow's) words were lost and also that his diary had not been published, but though he may seem rather unjust, the interesting lecture to which he had just listened might tempt him to take the other book and read that also.

Sir Thomas Southern then offered a vote of thanks on behalf of the Society, to the Governor for so kindly taking over the Chair at the expense of his time. It had been the custom in the past for the Governor always to be the President of the Society and, he expressed the hope that his Excellency would continue to preside in the future.

THE ADDRESS

Professor Simpson said in part: My reason for choosing this minor mid-Victorian subject is that I believe it to be thoroughly topical. The last fifteen years in Great Britain has seen the revival of an ancient art and a long neglected outdoor pursuit. Those who revived it called it "hiking." For those of us who are far separated from the ideal hiking districts of Great Britain there always remains the vicarious enjoyment of vagrancy in the works of George Borrow.

If you tell me that Hong Kong is not built for hiking or that you are too much travelled to revel in travellers' tales, I can assure you that Borrow has still some claim to special local interest for people in Hong Kong. His name once appeared in the advertised title of a book as co-author with one who later became Governor of this Colony, and he was one of the first Englishmen to display a keen and practical interest in the Chinese language.

CONSULAR AMBITIONS

Through his interest in language which he shared with his friend Dr. Bowring, he expected to "get an official appointment." He was particularly eager to be sent to the consular service in Canton in 1847. Dr. Bowring was sent instead, and after having moved to Hong Kong, he became

office, his father died, and feeling no desire to continue in the profession which his father had chosen for him, he went to London with the intention of turning his literary talents to account, and bringing out two or three works he had prepared.

The London publishers had no use for his translations of foreign and archaic poetry. And what he published as a private venture was rejected by the critics. Of his translation of Killinger's "Faustus" which was his first book, one critic wrote "we have occasionally publications of the fireside—these are only fit for the fire." (Laughter). But he was employed in various forms of hackwork by Sir Richard Phillips, proprietor of the "Monthly Magazine." One year of this was enough. He left London to tramp the country.

These are the facts out of which, twenty or thirty years later, he constructed "Lavengro" and "The Romyan Rye." He could not have written these books at that time, because the experiences of many years, and the glamour of imaginative memory, had to be spread over the facts. Nor would the publishers at that stage have accepted such books.

UNSETTLED LIFE

Borrow's departure from London was the beginning of nine years of vagrant or unsettled life. As "The Romyan Rye" takes us only to the end of the first few months of this period and as he was uncommunicative about the other years, it is customary to refer to this epoch as "the eight veiled years." He was looking for work but could not find it. Do not imagine that the length of the search implies lack of initiative. He would have liked to have been a soldier but could not afford a commission. He offered himself to The Highland Society of London, as a translator of Scottish Gaelic poetry; but was not accepted. He also offered himself, without success, to the British Museum to work on the Anglo-Saxon manuscripts in the Exeter Book.

His wanderings took him to France, perhaps to the boundaries of Spain, and the journey seems to have confirmed him in these prejudices against the French which he had imbibed in The West Norfolk Militia. Finally he offered himself to the British and Foreign Bible Society. In 1833 they told him that they had a job for a scholar in St. Petersburg, to supervise the printing of the Bible in Manchuria, if he could learn that language in six months. In six months he presented himself, with another candidate, to take an examination. They were asked to translate from Manchuria a hymn addressed to the Buddha of the Tartars. On the strength of his translation, Borrow was given the appointment and forthwith emerged from obscurity.

LITERARY EFFORTS

When he had completed his apprenticeship in the Solicitor's

HOCKEY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club v. Hong Kong Police on Club Ground at 5.00 p.m. to-day.

H. F. Shields
J. Rodger
G. Sommer
J. L. Cotesworth
R. A. Bates
J. E. Potter (Capt.)
S. A. Fowler
J. L. Tetley
G. E. R. Divett
D. Carey
D. L. Nooy

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The usual Wednesday fixture for the Hong Kong Football Club "A" XV has been cancelled and a trial game will be played with a view to selecting the best possible XV to represent the Colony in the return game against the New Zealand Universities on February 21st.

The probable team is:
L. G. Robertson, P. H. Floyd, Surg. Lieut. Benson, P. C. Frost, H. R. McGilchrist, A. H. R. Butcher, Cpl. Preece and J. L. Bennar. Lt. Robinson, W. E. Peers, Lieut. Lincoln, A. F. Wajkden, Cpl. Cullinan, Fus. Morgan, Capt. Gillespie, L/Cpl. Harrison.

The possible team is:
Fus. Preece, Lieut. Fraser, R. H. Griffiths, H. C. Meeks, Lieut. St. Clair Ford, J. Hutchison, Lieut. Hamilton, E. P. Humphreys, G. S. Chambers, Lieut. Harrison, A. B. Woodman, S. H. Garrod, Lieut. Chapman, F. J. McCugan, M. S. Cumming.
Referee D. W. Macewen, Esq.
There are several absentees who were originally chosen for place. In the above teams, notably Lieut. J. Rice Evans and A. B. Evans who were chosen for the probabilities and J. H. McEneaney and E. B. Gammell who were chosen for the possibilities. The kick off is 5.00 p.m. on the Club Ground.

AGENT FOR BIBLE SOCIETY

The appointment of the local vagabond as an agent for the Bible Society, gave rise to unreflected amusement in Norfolk. Nevertheless, Borrow succeeded in a very arduous feat of printing and publishing from difficult manuscripts, with unserviceable type and poorly qualified compositors. He spent two years in Russia. Unfortunately he did not write a book about, although, as was to be expected, he published "Targum" or metrical translations from thirty languages, and "Tallaman" from the Russian of Pushkin. When the Manchuria Bible was ready for China, he wanted to go to China to put it into circulation. Instead, the Bible Society

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RIFLE SHOOT

Full Range Postal Match

We have just received particulars regarding the 303 Full Range Postal Match, for this year under the auspices of the National Rifle Association. The competition is open to one team of 8 British subjects and/or British Colony, Protectorate or Country. China is represented in the last mentioned of the three categories by Shanghai and Tientsin.

The match may be fired separately or concurrently with another competition of exactly the same conditions on any one day between January 1 and December 31, 1936, on any range situated in the competing country and will be conducted under N.R.A. Rules.

H.R.H. "The Duke of Gloucester's Challenge Cup" and "Lord Wakefield" Silver Medals, presented by the Viscount Wakefield of Hythe, will be awarded to the Captain and Coach (if appointed) and to each member of the winning team. "Lord Wakefield" Silver Medals will similarly be given to the team which makes the highest aggregate score with Rifles S.R. (a).

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

As for the "Morning Post" (Junior Kolapore) viz.:
Distances: 300, 500, 600-yards (aggregate).
No. of Shots: Ten and one s.s. per firer at each distance.
Time limit: One hour at each distance.
No. of Targets: Two per team.
Dress: Any.
Entrance Fee: £2 from each team to be paid when application is made for registers.
The Rifles used will be as defined by N.R.A. Regulations for 1935, viz.:
S.R. (a)—S.M.L.E. as issued, open sights and without slings.
S.R. (b)—S.M.L.E., regulated in any manner approved by the N.R.A. of the "1614" pattern rifle (if available). With S.R. (b) aperture sights and slings are allowed. Minimum "pull-off" for all rifles 5-lbs.

Preliminary practice on the day of the match, or rests for supporting the rifle or body are not allowed.
All members of a team must fire on the same range.
No one may represent or shoot for more than one Colony or Protectorate in any one year.

CONDUCT OF THE MATCH

1. On receipt of the entrance fee by the Secretary, National Rifle Association, from the Rifle Association, Defence Egypt, or Captain of the team concerned, special Firing Point and Rifle Registers will be forwarded; no others will be recognized.
2. Superintending Officers.—A Commissioned Officer, serving or

H.K.F.A.

The Monthly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Association's Office to-day at 5.30 p.m. when the following items are on the Agenda:—

To confirm minutes of Council Meeting No. 6.
To receive minutes of League Management Committee Meetings Nos. 18 and 19.
To receive minutes of Emergency Committee Meetings Nos. 6 and 7.
To receive minutes of Grounds Sub-Committee Meetings Nos. 6 and 7.
To receive minutes of Interport Sub-Committee Meeting of the 12th January, 1936.
To receive minutes of the referees Committee Meeting No. 2.
To receive January Payments and Receipts Accounts and pass bills.
To draw for the semi final rounds of the shield 22/2/36.
To select the team and arrange a ground for the Governor's Cup Game to be played on the 8th February, 1936.
To select a ground for the Lai Wah Cup final Navy v Chinese Civilians on the 8th March, 1936.
Correspondence.
Any other business.

Steel And Coulsons
Billiard League

RESULTS TO-DATE

The results of recent matches leaves the league table as previously published. The Dockyard R.C. secured a smart win over the R.E. Sgts., whilst the C.S.C.C. defeated the R.N.Y.P. by five games to nil.

Results of matches to date—

C.S.C.C.	
Mr. Grimmit	150
Mr. Jones	150
Mr. McGowan	150
Mr. Phillips	150
Mr. Rakusen	150
R.N.Y.P.	
Mr. Gorman	51
Mr. Stafford	58
Mr. Philpott	68
Mr. Gwyther	82
Mr. Fisher	18
Result: C.S.C.C. 5; R.N.Y.P. nil.	
Highest Breaks: Mr. Grimmit 32 unfinished; Mr. Jones 36.	
P.R.C.	
Mr. Newnham	150
Mr. Marsh	150
Mr. Lewis	150
Mr. Bright	125
Mr. Ash	150
R.E. Sgts.	
S/Sgt. Harris	119
S/Sgt. Collins	142
S/Sgt. Chant	115
L/Sgt. Raynor	150
Q.M.S. Staples	116
Result: D.R.C. 4; R.E.M. 1.	
G.S. Mess	
S/Cond. Andrews	150
Sgt. Russell	150
Sgt. Ranson	75
S/Sgt. John	92
Sgt. Trim	76
C.U.C.	
Mr. Santos	124
Mr. Antonio	149
Mr. Gill	150
Mr. Silva	150
Mr. Jordan	150
Result: C.U.C. 3; G.S.M. 2.	
C. & P.O.s	
C.P.O. Darwent	116
Sgt. Savage	150
S.P.O. Ramsay	98
E.R.A. Marshall	150
C.P.O. Woodhouse	150
Prisoners Officers	
Mr. T. Pile	150
Mr. Willerton	119
Dr. Shaw	150
Mr. Goddard	107
Mr. Hill	106
Result: C. & P.O.s 3; P.O. Mess 2.	
LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE	
P. W. L. F. A.	
C.U.C.	12 10 2 45 15
P.O. Mess	12 8 4 39 24
R.E. Sgts.	11 7 4 33 22
C.S.C.C.	11 7 4 30 25
D.R.C.	12 9 6 28 32
Garr. Sgts.	10 8 5 35 26
R.W.F. Sgts.	7 5 2 22 13
C. & P.O.s	11 3 8 21 34
R.N.Y.P.	12 2 10 17 34
St. Pats.	10 1 9 13 37

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FRESH FROM ENGLAND

MR. WALKER'S ADDRESS

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A nursery for trees is maintained near Hengchow. There will be half a million trees in this nursery at the end of the year and three quarters of a million at the end of next. From this nursery trees are being obtained to plant along the railway at the rate of approximately 6,000 per mile. Trees are also being planted which it is hoped will be available for the production of sleepers in 23 years.

The rolling stock ordered in London for the completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway comprises 28 Locomotives, 180 Covered Wagons, 175 High-side Wagons, 90 Flat Wagons all of 40 tons capacity, and 50 Carriages.

Lines of Communication
Lines of communication which will compete against the railway are in order of importance firstly, the Ssang River which runs through the Tung Ting Lake and joins the Yangtze River between Hanyang and Wuchang; secondly, the North River which joins the West River at Samahui; and thirdly, the metalled highways which run from Ping Shek on the east side of the Ssang River at Hengchow and from the west side of the Ssang River at Hengchow to Changsha.

The Ssang River, although shallow in winter (least depth of navigable channel in the Lake area is 4.5'), allows the passage of junks during these months and transshipment takes place from these junks to river steamers and vice-versa at Hankow. During the summer, river steamboats can proceed to Changsha and tug and lighters, which ordinarily carry on the trade between Hankow and Changsha, are able to proceed as far south as Hengchow.

The North River is shallow in winter. Navigation of small junks is always difficult. Above Lok Chong there are many rapids.

The highways are reasonably good with the exception of one stretch which starts at Ping Shek and runs for six miles to Siao Tung on the Kwangtung-Hunan border. The road proceeds northwards for about 134 miles to Hengchow East. There is only one private car on the road belonging to Mr. H. H. Ling, the Director and Engineer-in-Chief of Construction. The highways are stone macadamized and are built and maintained by the Provincial Governments. The buses also are run by Government, and passengers have to pay the high rate of 5 cents per mile. Passengers are all of one class, and the buses stop at various stations situated at villages along the route. They run to a time schedule and do not pick up passengers except at these stations. There is no connection between this highway and the one running between Hengchow West and Changsha. The northern highway is broken by the Ssang River which has to be crossed by ferry boat.

By making use of the bus connections it is now possible to complete the journey from Canton to Hankow in 3 days 14 hours. A through passenger would have to take a train to Lok Chong, spend the night there, take a train the next morning to Ping Shek where he would transfer to a bus and proceed to the provincial border, transfer to another bus and proceed to Hengchow, cross the river at Hengchow and spend the night there, proceed by bus the next morning to Changsha, spend the night there and continue by rail the next day to Wuchang.

THE PRODUCTS

The principal products of the country traversed by the railway are cereals, eggs, wood oil and minerals. I passed through hundreds of square miles of rice and saw quite a lot of trees grown for the manufacture of wood oil. In addition to rice there were sweet potatoes, peanuts, sugar cane and wheat. Anthracite and Wolfram exist and there is a considerable quantity of coal. The Ping Shiang coal mines are well known. The coal obtained near Lelyang (mileage 299) is now being exploited on a large scale and the Construction Administration are buying this coal for their locomotives and plant at a cost of slightly under \$5 per ton. I understand that Lelyang coal compares quite favourably with Kailash.

The prosperity of the Canton-Hankow Line must depend to a large extent on the rehabilitation of the present terminal sections and on suitable road and rail connections to Kiangsi, Kwangsi and Kweichow.

A through timing of 40 hours is contemplated for the through express. A drastic increase in speed will be necessary before the railway is in a position to handle its full quota of traffic.

There is no doubt that the completion of the Railway will act as a great stimulant to trade along the areas served by it. Local products will be enabled to be distributed in an even manner and this should accelerate the growth and prosperity of the various regions tapped.

DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS
Authoritative statements have been made from time to time to the effect that the line will carry south the produce of all China south of the Yangtze. I regret that I cannot subscribe to these optimistic views. Traffic will only move by rail if it is able to bear the transportation costs involved. If these costs exceed a certain limit, traffic will either turn to other means of transportation or cease to move. Waterborne rates are very much less than rail-borne rates, so that there are only a dozen or so opportunities a year to hear the many really talented amateurs while they are with us. The Concerts are timed at 5.30 p.m. for the convenience of all, and programmes last about one hour.

PROGRAMME
1. Sonata in A minor (Chopin)
2. Prelude and Fugue in D minor (J. S. Bach)
3. Lament of Isis (Granville Bantock)
4. Lament of Isis (Granville Bantock)
5. Nocturne in F sharp major (Chopin)
6. Polonaise in C sharp minor (Chopin)

There appears to be no doubt that large quantities of wood, oil, cereals, fruit and eggs will move south by rail as soon as the railway is completed, whilst metal and mineral ores will be transported in increasing quantities as soon as the various mines are exploited. Conversely such commodities as salt, sugar, flour, oils, manufactured and piece goods, and machinery should be transported by the return haul.

Passenger traffic between all points in the North, the upper Yangtze valley, and Canton and Hong Kong will be stimulated considerably by the completion of the line, as previously a round about route via Shanghai had to be taken. The line is sufficiently beautiful to attract tourists, provided suitable accommodation is provided at stop-overs. The carrying of higher class passenger traffic must depend to a great extent on speed, so that 40 hours overall timing between Canton and Hankow at present contemplated cannot be regarded with satisfaction. This timing will no doubt be reduced progressively in the course of a few years to less than 24 hours so that when the line from Hankow to Peking is rehabilitated, it may be possible to travel by rail from Hong Kong to Peking in 24 days. Then again the through route to Calais via Siberia, Moscow, Warsaw and Berlin is not beyond the realms of possibility, as the first 150 miles step towards changing to standard the five feet gauge of the North Manchuria and the Russian systems which extend from Hanking to Minsk has already been taken.

VOTE OF THANKS
Professor Forster, then called upon Professor Robertson, Professor of Economic of the University to offer a vote of thanks to Mr. Walker.

Professor Robertson said that he felt it a great privilege to express thanks to Mr. Walker for a comprehensive address and that this address was of the type that they should hear more of and that he could not say that any member would disagree with him. He was specially interested in the latter part of the talk. There is no doubt about what Mr. Walker says of the working operation of the Railway being correct. But as the speaker had pointed out the Railway would produce a great effect on the transport of goods to South China.

He therefore concluded on behalf of the Club by tendering their heartfelt thanks.

The guests introduced at the dinner were Messrs. C. W. Macdonald, E. Kendall, R. N. Clark, G. M. Henry, G. G. Johnson, G. P. Gross, C. D. Penny.

HELENA MAY CONCERT

Good Entertainment Promised

Musical lovers are reminded that the Helena May Concert Season closes in March, and none should miss the last opportunities of enjoying some notable and varied programmes before the artistically barren summer begins.

This Thursday we shall have the pleasure of hearing a new-comer, Mrs. McGowan (mezzo-soprano) as well as three artists already well known and popular in the Colony—Miss Caroline Braga (piano) and Mme. Evellie and Mrs. Arnold (piano and cello). The programme is given below, and should attract all those who have attended the previous concerts and many who have not taken advantage of them.

Hong Kong's Concert audiences are enthusiastic but erratic and many people forget until too late that there are only a dozen or so opportunities a year to hear the many really talented amateurs while they are with us. The Concerts are timed at 5.30 p.m. for the convenience of all, and programmes last about one hour.

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COMPANY REPORT

The Bank of East Asia, Ltd.'s

The Directors of The Bank of East Asia, Ltd. announce that subject to audit, the profit for the year, including the amount brought forward from last year, and after paying all expenses and charges and providing for all bad and doubtful debts and other contingencies, amounts to \$1,012,797.52, which the Directors propose to deal with as follows:

To pay a Dividend of \$4 per share on 55,986 shares absorbing	\$335,916.00
To pay a bonus of \$1 per share on 55,986 shares absorbing	55,986.00
To transfer to Reserve	150,000.00
To pay a bonus to the staff	35,000.00
To carry forward	435,895.52
	\$1,012,797.52

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Feb. 3.
Bradford City qualified for the fifth round of the English Cup today when on their own ground they beat Blackburn Rovers by three goals to one.

In another replay West Bromwich, last year's finalists failed to arrive at a decision against Bradford after extra time, the teams sharing two goals.

Two league games were played today. In the first division Wednesday before their own supporters were held to a three-all draw by Everton, while in the second division West Ham were rudely shocked at Upton Park. Burnley stealing a point in a goalless draw.

In the second replay of their first round Scottish Cup tie, Dundee United today beat Alloa on the latter ground by the odd goal to three.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Its Work Reviewed

The splendid achievements which the Salvation Army in Hong Kong have brought about within the short space of six years, was brought to light yesterday evening, when a large gathering assembled at the Home at which the Annual meeting was held.

Lady Southorn O.B.E. presided at the meeting, and among those present were:—Lady Pollock, Mrs. Batholomew, Mrs. King, Mrs. Kotewall and Col. George Davis.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Captain Lemmon, of the Home, and this was followed by the reading of the annual report by Brigadier J. E. Sansom.

THE REPORT

The following is the report in part:—
The year 1935 has been by far the most encouraging year of any of the six years which have passed since the Home was opened. Not only have far more young women and girls passed through the Home, but the beneficial results seen in their lives have been most gratifying.

The Home has accommodation for 20 girls. In the lower part of the house, 25 beds are reserved for girls who come from the Juvenile Court, whilst upstairs the same number of beds are occupied by girls sent through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, or from other sources. These find their way to the Home for many and varied reasons, and include ill-treated 'mul tsai' who have sought their freedom through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, girls who have been forced into a life of shame, and deserted concubines.

JUVENILES

It will probably surprise you to know that on the Remand side, during the year, 618 girls from the Juvenile Court have passed through the Home. Your hearts would be touched if you could only see some of these little ones, with their pinched faces, and undernourished bodies. Their charges range from 'hawking without license' and 'petty thieving' to 'opium smuggling'.

FINANCE

During the year, the Colonial Government has very kindly made grants towards the Maintenance of the Home, and the girls have been busy with needlework which has brought in almost \$1,000 (actually \$970) towards their support. After receiving these grants and the local industries income, there was still left a deficit of about \$3,500 to meet which we have had to rely upon the interest and generosity of our friends in the Colony, and we are most grateful for all the practical sympathy shown, which has made it possible for us to start this year with a small balance in hand.

One final word of heartfelt appreciation to Adjutant Brazier, and every other Officer and worker in the Home, for its efficient management, and more than all else, for the example of the spirit of Christ their Master that they have given to each of us.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATION

In the course of a short speech, Col. Davis pointed out the aims of the Army and what it was going to do in this part of the globe. To some people who perhaps did not know that this Salvation Army existed for as it is but a new institution in this part of China. Most of their work in the past had been concentrated in North China and he was very pleased to say that the Army had worked wonders with the many unfortunate girls in that district.

Going on he said that General Booth had thought that it was time to continue in the South in order to further their work of 'Human Reclamation'. In this connection 'she' had appointed Brigadier and Mrs. Sansom to be in charge of the work in South China, and he was sure that they were both fitted for their task before them.

Col. Davis said that he had been an Officer in the Salvation Army in America for the past 42 years and had seen some marvellous results achieved by the workers. In the United States alone, there were 45 such homes as the one in Hong Kong and he could very safely say that from 2000 to 3000 girls passed through their doors yearly, the results after these years were found to be better than any other work he had seen. This work he went on to say was no longer an experiment, for it had long passed that stage.

LADY SOUTHRON
Lady Southorn, who made a short speech touching on the good

WOUNDING OF PURSER

Canton Vessel Incident

A wireless message was received here yesterday from the Hong Kong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's s.s. Sui An, stating that the purser Mr. M. P. Lo, a relative of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, has been wounded in the head by stabbing while the boat was on its way from Hong Kong to Canton on Monday morning.

The incident occurred about four hours after the steamer had left port and it was alleged that the attack was committed by a seaman, who was immediately placed under guard.

The latest news to hand alleges that the sailor before reaching Canton, in order to escape the police, jumped overboard.

work of the Home and what it had done for so many poor unfortunate girls and young mothers who found it impossible to help themselves.

At the conclusion of the meeting Lady Southorn was thanked for her kind attendance that afternoon and the meeting was then brought to a close with the singing of a hymn.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s
STEAMER "BERDWAN"

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON
1st FEBRUARY, 1936.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, SUEZ, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby notified that their Goods are being loaded and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are loaded.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six Hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

Consignees are specially notified that it is necessary for a Revenue Officer to be present at the examination of damaged dutiable cargo.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 21st Feb., 1936, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1936. [4179]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAM-SHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
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CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessels are hereby notified that their Goods will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 3rd Feb.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th Feb. will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 24th Feb., 1936, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents.
3rd February, 1936. [4180]

BERLIN SHARE MARKET

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Sharemarket on Monday was listless, owing to the lack of larger buying orders from the investing public, so that price fluctuations were erratic.

The turnover in fixed interest securities was very small, price changes being but slight. City loans were somewhat in demand.

Call money stood at 2½%.

Young Loan was at 102 7/8.

Saturday not quoted.

Reichsbank 188 1/4

Dytrust 153

Salsdetfurth Polash 189 3/4

United Steelworks (Hitherto called: German Steeltrust) 51

declined 1/8

CONSIGNEE NOTICES

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

From LEITH, MIDDLEBRO',
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AND STRAITS.

The S.S. "BENMACDUI"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., where and/or from the wharves Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th Feb., 1936, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 19th Feb., 1936, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd Feb., 1936, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Carmichael & Clark.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W. B. LOXLEY & Co. (CHINA) Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 30th Jan., 1936. [4188]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES-MARITIMES

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "MIN"

Voyage 3°20/36.

BRINGING CARGO

From ANTWERP, DUNKERQUE
& LONDON.

ARRIVED ON WEDNESDAY,
1st JANUARY, 1936.

CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed & stored into the Godowns of the Hong Kong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 9th Feb., 1936, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th Feb., 1936.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

B. OHL,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 29th January, 1936. [4183]

REICHSMARK QUOTA- TIONS

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

The Reichsmark was quoted without guarantee at:—

New York 40.81

Paris 609.5

London 12.295

Amsterdam 59.27

Paris quoted the Pound Sterling at 74.90 to 74.90, and the U.S.A. Dollar at 14.955 to 14.955

Transocean News Service

German Mineral Oils 110 1/4

Siemens & Halske 173 1/4

Bemberggraben 53 1/4

declined 1/8

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS

Spot Silver rose 1/8 yesterday, the quotation being 19 13/16. There was no forward quotation. Silver advices reported India as having bought. A small business was done. The market was steady but idle. The American price of Silver was unchanged at 44 1/2 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was substantially higher at 50 1/2. New York/London was also higher at 50 3/8.

MARKET

Firm during the early part of the morning but later the market appeared a shade easier, owing to a better demand, particularly for forward delivery.

STERLING

Business was done shortly after the opening at 1/3 13/16 for cash followed by transactions at 1/3 1/2 February, 1/3 11/16 March and 1/3 1/4 April. Later 1/3 1/2 was also arranged for cash and 1/3 13/16 February. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/3 13/16 for cash, 1/3 1/2 February, 1/3 1/4 March and 1/3 9/16 April, buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

U.S. DOLLARS

A fairly large business was arranged at 33 1/2 for cash, 33 1/2 February and 33 1/2 March. Later the market appeared easier and there were buyers at 33 5/16 for cash, 33 1/2 February and 33 1/2 March, sellers at 1/8 lower respectively.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers were quoted at 109 1/2 for cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling 1/2 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers were quoted at 30 1/2 for Spot and buyers at 30 1/2 for Spot.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

In Sterling business, was done at 1/3 1/2 for cash and 1/3 11/16 March. The market closed with sellers at 1/3 13/16 for cash, 1/3 1/2 February, 1/3 1/4 March and 1/3 9/16 April, buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

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H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

A little more business was done in the market to-day, sales being reported of the favourite stocks at the prevailing reduced rates. Trams were done at as low as \$13, but at this rate there are further buyers.

BUYERS

Bagulo Gold, 20 cts.
Venz. Goldfields, \$3.
Hongkong Trams, \$13.
Peak Trams (old), \$8.
China Lights (old), \$11.15.
Electric, \$7.04.
Singapore Tractions 17/4.
Wing On (H.K.), \$4.
Govt. 4% Loan, 3 1/2 Prem.
Sellers.

Providents (old), \$2.15.
Hotels, \$5.
Electric, \$7.
Cement, \$9.20.
Watsons, \$3.
Sincere, \$2.90.

SALES

China Underwriters, \$1.10.
Hongkong Lands, \$36.
Hongkong Trams, \$13.
China Lights (old), \$11.15/11.10.
Electric, \$7.04/7.1.
Telephones (old), \$28.
Govt. 3 1/2 Loan, 4% Dispar.

H.K. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$80 CD.
Underwriters, \$1.05.
Antamoks, \$1.55.
Bagulo Gold, 20 cts.
Beng Consolidated, \$10.
Beng Explorations, 14 cts.
Big Wedge, 14 1/2 cts.
Gold Rivers, 6 1/2 cts.
Rauha, \$11.
Land Debitments, \$100.
H.K. Docks, \$84.
Peak Trams (old), \$2.04.
Taumata Ferry, \$20.
Electric, \$7.04.

SELLERS

Providents (old), \$2.05.
Lights (old), \$11.
Electric, \$7.13.

SALES

Bank, \$11.20.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(Barren Wireless Service)

	February 1.	February 3.
Paris	74 50/64	75 1/84
Geneva	15.19 1/2	15.20 1/2
Berlin	12.29	12.30
Athens		
Milan	62 1/2	62 1/16
Shanghai		
New York	5.00 1/2	5.02 7/16
Amsterdam	7.28 1/2	7.30 1/2
Vienna		
Prague	119 5/16	119 1/2
Bucharest	36 1/2	68 3/8
Madrid		
Lisbon		
Hong Kong	1/3 11/16	1/3 1/2
Brussels	29.34	29.40
Montevideo	39 9/16 S.O.	
Belgrade	4.89 1/2	5.00 1/2
Yokohama		
Helsingfors		
Rio		
Buenos Aires		19 13/16
Silver (Spot)		
Silver (forward)		34 1/2 105 7/16
War Loan		

Closing Quotations

	February 4, 1936.	On New York:
On London:		Bank Bills, on demand 32 7/16
Telegraphic Transfer	1 3/4	Credit, 60 days sight, 33 9/16
Bank Bills, on demand		On BATAVIA:
Bank Bills, 4 months	1/3 1/2	On demand 46 1/2
sight	1/3 1/2	On PARIS:
Credit, four months	1/4 1/2	Bank Bills, on demand 48 1/2
sight	1/4 1/2	Credit, 4 months sight 50 1/2
On SHANGHAI:		On SAIGON:
On demand	107 1/2	On demand 48 1/2
On SINGAPORE:		On MANILA:
On demand	55	On demand 64 1/2
On JAPAN:		On BANGKOK:
On demand	110 1/2	On demand 118 1/2
On INDIA:		SOVEREIGNS Bank Buying
Telegraphic Transfer	8 1/2	Rate 1/4
Bank, on demand	8 1/2	BAR SILVER, per oz. 19 13/16

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Member's Agency)

QUOTATIONS

	High	Low	Last	Today's	Change
New York/London Cross-rate			5.00 1/2	5.02 7/16	.02 1/2 up
New York Cotton—Mar.	11.35	11.08	11.11	11.25	.14 up
New York Rubber—Mar.	16.30	15.14	15.08	16.20	.12 up
Chicago Wheat—May	1.00 1/2	.98 1/2	1.00 1/2	.99 1/2	.01 off
Chicago Corn—May	.60 1/2	.60 1/2	.60 1/2	.60 1/2	.00
Silver—Official			unquoted	44 1/2	

	High—1934/35	Low	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2.	Change
Dow Jones Averages			149.68	150.63	1.04 up
30 Industrials	48.65	47.31	48.10	48.31	.21 up
20 Rail	32.46	31.42	31.82	32.00	.18 up
40 Utilities	101.41	93.43	101.24	101.38	.14 off
11 Commodity Index	62.10	53.46	58.72	58.77	.05 up

Business Done: 2,320,000 shares.

Stock & Div.	Last Sale	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Stock & Div.	Last Sale	Feb. 1	Feb. 2
Adams Express	12 1/2	12 1/2		Gold Dust (1.20)	19 1/2	19 1/2	
Amer. Can (4)	123	124 1/2		Goodyear	24 1/2	25 1/2	
Am. Cyanamid "B"				Int. Cement			
(254r)	33 1/2	34 1/2		Int. Nick. (50)	48 1/2	48 1/2	
Am. For. Pwr.	8 1/2	8 1/2		Int. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2	17 1/2	
Am. For. Pwr. 37-1st				Johns Manville			
PI.				Kennecott (15)	33 1/2	34 1/2	
Am. Locomotive	28 1/2	28		Loew's (1)	52 1/2	53 1/2	
Am. Radiator	23	23 1/2		Lorill (1.20)	25 1/2	26 1/2	
Am. Smelting	84 1/2	85 1/2		Mount Ward	37 1/2	39	
Am. T. and T. (9)	101 1/2	102 1/2		Nat. City Bk. (1)	38 1/2	38 1/2	
Am. Tob "B" (6)	101 1/2	102 1/2		Nat. De. P. (1.20)	22 1/2	22 1/2	
Am. Waterworks (1)	102 1/2	103		Nat. Distillers	28 1/2	29	
Am. Waterworks 36	22	23		Nat. For. Lk. (80)			
Am. pref. (6)				N.Y. Central	34	34 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	30 1/2	31 1/2		N. Amer. (50c. 4 1/2)	29	29 1/2	
Atch. T. and S. F.				Pac. Gas (1.50)	34 1/2	35	
(25d)				Pac. Linc. (3)			
Auburn Automobile	43	42 1/2		Packard Motors	8	8	
Baltimore & Ohio	24 1/2	25 1/2		Penn. Ry. (1)	35 1/2	36	
Bethlehem Steel	43 1/2	43 1/2		Phil. Petro (1)	42 1/2	43 1/2	
Boeing Airplane	98 1/2	99		Pub. Ser. N.J. (2.80)	47 1/2	48 1/2	
Borden Co. (1.60)				Rubber Corp.	13	13	
Borg Warner (1dr)				Rev. Tob "B" (3)			
Case				Schenley			
Canadian Pacific	105 1/2	108 1/2		Sears Roebuck	59 1/2	59 1/2	
Caterpillar Tract	12 1/2	12 1/2		Soc-Vac (30)	63 1/2	64 1/2	
Ch. Nat. Bk. (1.40)	41 1/2	40 1/2		Sm. Cal. Ed. (1.50)	16 1/2	16 1/2	
C.P. Corp. (2.50)	71 1/2	73 1/2		Southern Pacific	27 1/2	27 1/2	
C.P. Corp. and				Stam. Brands (1)	30	30 1/2	
Ohio (2.80)	58 1/2	58 1/2		Stan. Gas	15 1/2	16	
Chrysler (1d)	63 1/2	64		Sta. Oil N.J. (1)	8 1/2	8 1/2	
Col. Gas & Elec.	94	94		Ster. Pro. (2.80)	65 1/2	65 1/2	
Comm. Solv. (1.60)	15 1/2	16 1/2		Studebaker Corp.			
Comm. St. Bk.	84 1/2	85 1/2		Texas. C. Sulp. (2)	37 1/2	38 1/2	
Comm. St. Bk. 84				Transamerica (1.14)	122	123	
Coca-Cola (25)				Un. Car. and Carb.			
Cum. Pl. (6)	35 1/2	35 1/2		(1.40)	70	70 1/2	
Cons. Gas N.Y. (2)				Un. Pac. Ry. (8)	120 1/2	121 1/2	
Cont. Oil (25)	36 1/2	36 1/2		Un. Aircraft Corp.	27 1/2	28 1/2	
Corn Prod. (8)				Un. Air Line Trans.	18 1/2	19 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	71	72 1/2		Univ. Corp.	8 1/2	8 1/2	
Du Pont (2.40)	147	147		Univ. Les. Tob. (2)	45 1/2	45 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	18 1/2	19 1/2		Un. Gas Impr. (1.20)	18 1/2	19	
Elec. Bond 30 Pr. (9)				U.S. Rubber	18 1/2	19 1/2	
Elec. Bond 30 Pr. (9)	194	194		U.S. Steel	60 1/2	61 1/2	
Fox Film "A"				Ypsandium	24 1/2	25 1/2	
Gen. Elec. (1.50)	39 1/2	40 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	12 1/2	13 1/2	
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	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
E/Canada	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Mar. 1
E/Russia	Feb. 26	Feb. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 14
E/Japan	Mar. 6	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 24
E/Asia	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 6
E/Canada	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 21
E/Russia	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	May 4
E/Japan	May 1	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 10	May 13	May 19
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21	May 23	May 26	June 1
E/Canada	May 29	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 7	June 10	June 16
E/Russia	June 12	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 20	June 23	June 29
E/Japan	June 26	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 5	July 8	July 14
E/Asia	July 10	July 12	July 14	July 16	July 18	July 21	July 27
E/Canada	July 24	July 26	July 29	July 31	Aug. 2	Aug. 5	Aug. 11

TO MANILA

EMPRESS OF JAPAN ... Feb. 28th.

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HIYE MARU ... (Starts from Kobe) Tuesday, 16th Feb.
HEIAN MARU ... (Starts from Kobe) Monday, 9th Mar.
YASUKUNI MARU ... Friday, 14th Feb.
HAKONE MARU ... Saturday, 29th Feb.
SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 14th March

SYDNEY & MELLBOURNE via Manila and Ports.

KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Feb.
NEPTUNA ... Saturday, 22nd Feb.
ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 28th Mar.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

GINYO MARU ... Tuesday, 11th Feb.
TOKIWA MARU ... Friday, 28th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

NEW YORK via Panama.
+ NAGARA MARU ... Saturday, 8th Feb.
+ NOJIMA MARU ... Thursday, 5th Mar.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piræus.

Genoa and Valencia.
+ DELAGOA MARU ... Sunday, 16th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

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+ PENANG MARU ... Saturday, 15th Feb.
+ HARODATE MARU ... Saturday, 29th Feb.

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NEW WHITE STAR LINER

Beautiful Plaque To Be Installed

A beautiful marble plaque of the Queen, executed by Lady Kennet—better known as Lady Hilton Young—will be carried in the great new Cunard-White Star liner Queen Mary, says the Sunday Times of Dec. 29. It will stand at the head of the great staircase which faces the main ball of the ship. It is about 3 ft. 5 in. high.

In the decorations of the great liner a new and individual artistic note has been struck. Famous artists—including an R.A.—are at this moment working to complete the pictures and portraits that have been commissioned.

Much of the work has been planned on a vast scale. Calculations respecting areas of veneers and woods, have had to be made not in feet, but in acres. One artist, Edward Wadsworth, has in hand a work so large that he has had to knock down a wall in the Sussex village hall where he is busy on it.

Doris Zinkels has been made responsible for 1,000 square feet of paintings, including a deep frieze on theatrical and screen themes.

The restaurant has an imposing work at one end by Philip Connard, R.A., and another at the other end by McDonald Gill. There is also an immense decorative map—30 feet long, 24 feet wide and 13 feet high—of the North Atlantic.

A MINIATURE

Sailing across this pictorial sea is an illuminated ship—the Queen Mary in miniature. This little vessel will be always moving when the liner is "on passage," and she will indicate to passengers the exact position of the Queen Mary at every stage of her voyage. The little ship's movements are controlled by the automatic clock system.

In one of the private dining-rooms are vivid pictures of circus life by Dame Laura Knight.

For the ship's shopping centre Maurice Lambert has done a beautiful ivory-lined frieze, 50 feet long, illustrative of speed in many forms.

Typically British scenes, from countryside and playing field appear on all sides.

Dancing through the ages is the theme of some usual paintings on hide by Margot Gilbert. In the smoke room are sporting carvings by James Woodford. Bainbridge Coppall, for his series of bas-relief carvings in the main restaurant, has dealt with shipbuilding through the ages.

In the long gallery there is a painting of an evening scene on the Avon, by Algernon Newton. Bertram Nicholls has done English pastoral scenes, and John Skeaping three large mural carvings.

In addition to altar pieces in the chapel, Kenneth Shoesmith has two panels of flower market scenes in the drawing room. Molton metal sprayed through a pistol-assisted Rebel Stanton to make a striking bas relief.

Charles Pearce and Cedric Morris are others whose work will be much admired.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN).

The freight returns, received from the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday show a considerably high tonnage movement, a large proportion of which being made up by British ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 8,281 tons, with British steamers carrying 6,129 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 33,587 tons, of which 14,639 tons were carried by British steamers. Asiatic deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 404, of which 109 were from British steamers.

There were altogether 15 arrivals, of which 8 were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 14 departures, only 3 were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	8	20,768
American	1	5,099
Japanese	2	13,817
Chinese	4	2,164
Total	15	41,848

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

The N.D.L.'s s.s. "Gneisenau" will arrive here on her Maiden Voyage on Thursday, the 6th inst. at 6 a.m. She will berth alongside Kowloon Wharf and will leave here for Shanghai and Japan at 3 p.m. on the same day.

The B.I. and Apcar steam ship "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on the 30th January, 1935, and is due here on the 5th instant at daylight.

The E. & A. steam ship "Tanda" will leave for Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya and Yokkaichi on or about Thursday, the 6th instant at 2 p.m.

The B.I. steam ship "Tilawa" will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka on or about Thursday, February 6, 1936, at 7 a.m.

CLEARANCES

4TH FEBRUARY, 1936.

Antenor, for Shanghai
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Hui Chen, for Canton
Hui Li, for Swatow
Theresa Moller, for Canton
Yunnan, for Canton
Chian Lee, for Shanghai
Chong Lee, for Tientsin

ARRIVALS

4TH FEBRUARY, 1936.

Tonjer, Norwegian steamer, 1,949 tons, Captain E. Kvams, from Chinwangtao. Lai Chi Kok—Dodwell & Co.
Chian Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,840 tons, Captain Nakayama, from Kamfa. Yaumatei—Yee Tai Hong.

King Yuan, British steamer, 1,546 tons, Captain J. Taylor, from Swatow, buoy No. B1—Butterfield and Swire.

Tunda, British steamer, 4,388 tons, Captain E. Picher, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co.

Hai Chen, Chinese steamer, 2,080 tons, Captain E. Y. Hughes, from Shanghai via Swatow, China Merchant S.M. Wharf—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Iwatesan Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,059 tons, Captain K. Sakai, from Manila, buoy No. A1—O. S. K.

Selatan, British steamer, 1,571 tons, Captain R. C. Creer, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf—Douglas & Co.

Kwangtung, British steamer, 1,572 tons, Captain D. D. Richards, from Haiphong, buoy No. B21, from Haiphong and Pakhoi via Hoikow, buoy No. B21—B. & S.

Sandviken, Norwegian steamer, 1,775 tons, Captain A. Norval, from Canton, buoy No. B2—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Hai Li, Chinese steamer, 2,055 tons, Captain S. P. Teng, from Canton, China Merchant Steam Navigation's Wharf—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Chong Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,249 tons, Captain M. Tanida, from Canton, buoy No. C1—Kwong Wo Shing.

Kueichow, British steamer, 1,220 tons, Captain R. Warren, from Canton, buoy No. B15—Butterfield and Swire.

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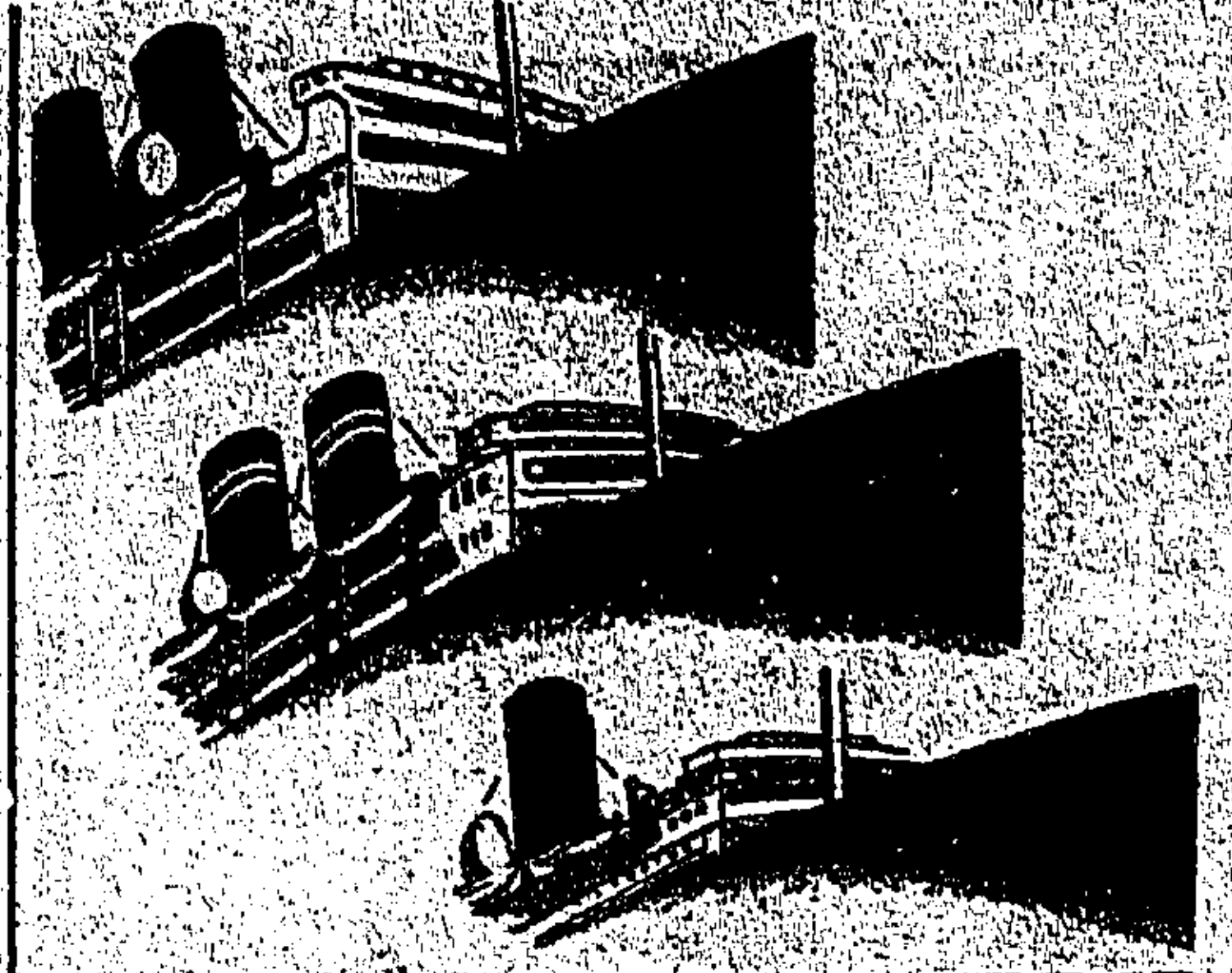
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*JEYPORE	8,000	11th Feb.	Straits, Colombo, B'at, & Karachi
CATHAY	10,000	32nd Feb.	Malacca & London
*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Feb.	Malacca, Haifa, London, Famburg, R'at, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Mar.	Bombay, Malacca & London
GORU	14,500	31st Mar.	Malacca & London
*SOMALI	6,000	28th Mar.	Malacca, Haifa, London, H'bg, R'at, Antwerp & Hull
RANCHI	17,000	4th Apr.	Bombay, Malacca & London
*BANGALORE	7,000	2nd Apr.	Malacca, Haifa, London, H'bg, R'at, Antwerp & Hull
CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Malacca & London
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th May	Bombay, Malacca & London
*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Malacca, Haifa, London, H'bg, R'at, Antwerp & Hull
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Malacca & London

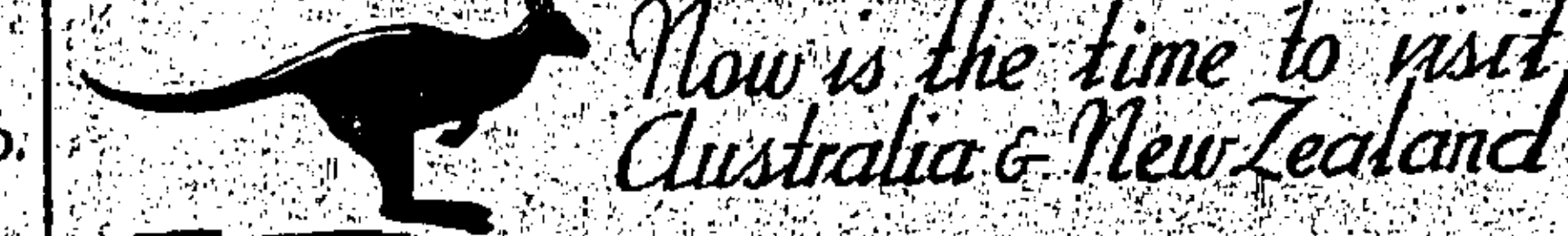
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NANKIN	7,000	22nd Apr.	
NELLORE	7,000	2nd May	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

TANDA	7,000	8th Feb.	Shanghai & Japan
TILAWA	10,000	8th Feb. 7 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
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